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TAXATION OF MOTOR-CARS.

POSSIBLE ALTERATION IN SYSTEM.

THE EFFECT ON OVERSEAS MARKET.

LORD BALFOUR'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, July 21st.

I hear that there is some prospect of an alteration in the basis of motor-car taxation, which has been the subject of controversy for a long time; in fact, motorists have always had a grievance that the tax was on horse power and not on petrol. It is urged that all the necessary revenue to satisfy the Treasury could be obtained by taxing petrol with, in addition, a registration fee. It is current gossip at Westminster that something on these lines will form part of next year's Budget.

Support is given to this by a speech made recently at Luton by Mr. Amery, the Colonial Minister, who has learnt many things from his six months tour of the Dominions. He stated that the horse power tax had militated in some degree against British manufacturers producing for work on the roads in countries overseas.

For years British motor-car firms have been labouring under great difficulties on account of the tax as imposed here. They have produced an engine that will enable the man who drives a car in Great Britain to pay the minimum tax. Hence we have had the marvellous development of the small car of from seven to twelve or fourteen horse power, the tax being £1 for every unit of power.

A More Equitable Basis.

But, of course, as everyone knows, in the Dominions the call is for cars with high engine power. There the engine power is not penalised by a tax. But manufacturers in this country cannot put down duplicate plants to turn out cars to suit the home trade by keeping down the tax on the engine power, and also turn out cars with high engine power for the overseas markets. They have, therefore, concentrated on the trade here, with the result that foreign makes of cars predominate abroad. Mr. Amery has been impressed by this fact, learnt at first hand during the course of his tour.

But apart from the standpoint of the manufacturer, the motoring community have every reason to cry out for an alteration in taxation. There is a distinct element of injustice that the man who motors for pleasure, chiefly at week ends and then only in the summer, should have to pay the same amount of tax as the man who has a car on the road all the year round. On the basis of taxing petrol the motorist who uses the roads most—"helps to wear them out," as the saying is—would pay most towards their upkeep, and others would pay proportionately.

The Proposals.

As I have stated, the question of motor car taxation will be examined afresh between now and the introduction of the next Budget. A proposal will be made that seven-eighths of the motoring tax shall be paid on the petrol consumed and one-eighth by a registration fee. Another concession which is expected is in respect of old motor cars. It is urged that cars more than five years old should be subject to a special allowance.

Nelson's Old Flagship.

The King went down to Portsmouth this week to see Nelson's old flagship, the *Victory*, which has been overhauled and re-conditioned and is now looking exactly the same as she was when she headed the line of battle at Trafalgar. The *Victory* lies in dry dock in Portsmouth Harbour, and there she will remain as long as she holds together. The King spent four hours inspecting the ship, and unveiled a tablet commemorating the completion of the work. His Majesty was much interested to learn of all the difficulties that had to be surmounted, and the research that was necessary to make the *Victory* in all respect as at Trafalgar.

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300 ACRES ON FIRE.

ALDERSHOT'S SOLDIERS FIGHT FLAMES.

AGED WIDOW RESCUED.

FARNHAM, Surrey, July 21st.

Between 200 and 300 acres of beautiful Surrey commons were destroyed by fire to-day.

The outbreak, which followed a series of smaller fires during the week-end, started early this afternoon in two places south of Farnham Little Pond and swept up the slopes of Tree Jump, one of the three eminences known as "the Devil's Jumps." On the summit of Tree Jump was a cottage in which Mrs. Wheeler, a widow of 85, had lived alone for years. A Royal Artillery fire piquet of 50 men from Borden rescued her and brought her to safety in an ambulance. Her home was destroyed. Assisted by civilians, the soldiers working with only their trousers and boots on cleared wide stretches of undergrowth to stop the flames and save a number of houses. A large number of prize birds were burned to death in a poultry house and seven hives of bees were destroyed. The fire was confined to the east side of the road reaching from the Pride of the Valley to Churt.

Firemen Powerless.

Farnham Fire Brigade could render little help as though there was a water main near there was no hydrant to which they could connect their hose.

The fire was got under some control by 9 p.m. Mr. Richard Combe, lord of the manor of Farnham, whose estate adjoins this part of the commons, told me to-night that it was impossible to retard the conclusion that these fires were now a result of mischief.

THE PRINCE FLIES AGAIN.

HIS DOG WITH HIM.

LONDON, July 19th.

The Prince of Wales flew last evening from Northolt aerodrome, Middlesex, to North Cotes aerodrome, Lincolnshire, on his way to Grimsby, where he will fulfil a number of engagements. Among them is a visit to the fishing fleet.

He motored to Northolt and within five minutes of reaching the aerodrome had changed into flying kit and accompanied by his little dog, had taken his seat in a Bristol fighter aeroplane.

The machine, which was piloted by Flight Lieutenant Don, took off perfectly. A second aeroplane carried a member of the Prince's suite. The Prince landed at Northcote at 7.10 and motored to Brocklesby Park, the residence of the Earl of Yarborough, who was his host for the night.

In reply to a question the King was told that the *Victory* might be expected to last in the present state for about 300 years. "It has been more than worth while restoring the ship and I am very glad to have been here to-day to see the work now that it is complete," said the King.

Modern Battleships.

After his inspection of the *Victory* the King went on board the battleship *Nelson* and dined with Sir Hubert Bland. The *Nelson*, which is the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, is the wonder ship of the Navy. For the King it had also a personal interest as the ship on which Prince George has been serving for some time as a Lieutenant. While at Portsmouth his Majesty also inspected *Australia* and *Canberra*, the newest "ships" of the young Australian Navy. They have just been taken over from the shipbuilders, and are soon to proceed to Australia.

Lord Balfour.

Lord Balfour will be 80 years of age next week, July 26th, and in order to mark the interesting occasion his many friends in both Houses of Parliament are asking his acceptance of a new Rolls Royce car as a birthday present. The idea originated with Mr. Churchill, and it was taken up with great approval. Mr. Churchill approached Lord Balfour's friends in the House of Commons and Lord Derby undertook a similar pleasant duty in the House of Lords. When the car is formally presented there will also be the presentation of an album containing a list of all who have been associated with the gift.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(August 16th.)

Baseball: Junior Division: St. Joseph's v. China Scouts, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "13 Washington Square."

World Theatre: "The Potters."

Star Theatre: "God gave me twenty cents."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Suez (Naldera), London via Straits, parcel mail (Calchas).

Friday.

(August 17th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting: Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Promenade Concert: Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "13 Washington Square."

World Theatre: "The Potters."

Star Theatre: "God gave me twenty cents."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday.

(August 18th.)

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.

Baseball: Senior Division: South China v. Filipino Club. Junior Division: South China Scouts v. South China, 2 p.m.

Lawn Bowls:—Division I: Civil Service v. Talkoo, Police v. Kowloon B.C.C. Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C. Division II: Talkoo v. Craigengower, Recreation "A" v. Civil Service, Yacht Club v. Recreation "B", Kowloon C.C. v. East Point.

Queen's Theatre: "13 Washington Square."

World Theatre: "The Potters."

Star Theatre: "God gave me twenty cents."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Szechuen), 6 p.m.

Sunday.

(August 19th.)

11th Sunday after Trinity.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.

Baseball: Junior Division: St. Joseph's v. China Athletics, 2 p.m.; Y.M.B.A. v. Kioras, 4 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Casey at the Bat" also at 9.30, Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell.

World Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."

Star Theatre: "Painted Ponies."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Monday.

(August 20th.)

Sale of Crown Land New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos.: 1149, 1150 and 2132, 3 p.m.

Auction Sale: Sign of the Lantern.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Casey at the Bat" also at 9.30, Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell.

World Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."

Star Theatre: "Painted Ponies."

Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (President Pierce), 3 p.m.

Tuesday.

(August 21st.)

Sanitary Board Meeting 4.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Cabaret" also at 9.30, Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell.

World Theatre: "The Circus."

Star Theatre: "Rocking Moon."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (Tenyo Maru), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Philoctetes), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

(August 22nd.)

Baseball: Junior Division: South China Scouts v. St. Joseph's, 5.30.

Queen's Theatre: "Cabaret" also at 9.30, Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell.

World Theatre: "The Circus."

Star Theatre: "Rocking Moon."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

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MILLIONAIRE AND HIS TAXES.

30 YEARS' DODGING
ALLEGED.

SIR W. COCKERLINE.

COUNSEL ON "PICKING THE PUBLIC POCKET."

An allegation that he had engaged for years in a course of fraud in connection with his income tax was made against Sir Walter Herbert Cockerline, the Hull shipowner, when he appeared before the Hull stipendiary magistrate.

He was called upon to answer a summons issued at the instance of the Inland Revenue Department and relating to £107,000 income tax from 1911 to 1923. He was alleged to have made false statements in certain returns between April 6th, 1911, and April 6th, 1923.

Sir Walter's address was given as Harford House, Eiley-road, Scarborough. He was for many years a member of Hull Corporation and was an alderman when he resigned four years ago.

Mr. Salkeld Green, for the prosecution, said that he was going to show that there had been on the part of Sir Walter Cockerline a course of fraud extending back to 1897. Every single return for tax purposes during those 30 years had been wrong.

The amount which would have been lost to the Revenue during the 14 years covered by the summons had the fraud not been found out and the money paid was £107,108 0s. 2d.

Mr. Salkeld Green alleged that Sir Walter Cockerline had once before been guilty of tax frauds, but was not prosecuted. On that occasion, in 1917, Sir Walter paid up the tax for 18 years, back to 1897. This is not a case of a man driven by pressure of want or business difficulties to commit these frauds, but of a man steadily increasing in wealth. On December 31st, 1914, he was worth, according to his own books, £84,657. On December 31st, 1923, he was worth £219,053.

"His wealth has since grown, I am told, to rather over £1,000,000. It means an increase over and above his living expenses of nearly £250,000, more than two and a half times the amount of taxes we lost during these years."

Sir Walter Cockerline, said Mr. Salkeld Green, started life in a humble way.

He had risen to be Sheriff of Hull, and had received a knighthood. That made it all the sadder that behind all that public estimation was a history of fraud on the Revenue for 30 years.

Sir Walter, he said, before the war had a big fleet in which were tramp steamers of 5,000 and 8,000 tons.

All through the war Sir Walter was getting rid of the fleet, selling those which were not torpedoed.

Reduced His Fleet.

"And in the year after the war, when everybody was clamouring for ships and thought that shipping was going to boom, you find this man reduce his fleet to two."

The result was that when the end of the shipping boom came he had only two ships to lose on. That shows his astuteness."

Sir Walter now owned nearly as large a fleet as in 1911. Giving details of accounts alleged not to have been disclosed by Sir Walter in his returns, Mr. Green said that "the system" went on quietly until information came to the Inland Revenue from the Admiralty. Sir Walter had an Admiralty account, going back to 1918. No information as to it was furnished by Sir Walter until September 1924.

Sir Walter's Bookkeeper.

He gathered the defence would be that the statements were not made knowingly and wilfully. Possibly the defence might also suggest that Sir Walter's bookkeeper, a man named Dean, was responsible.

"If it were thought by the Crown that there was any independent initiative on Dean's part he would have been sitting with Sir Walter on a charge of conspiracy, and, under the Perjury Act, of aiding and abetting."

But the prosecution did not intend that the big man, the man responsible and the man who gets the benefit, should shelter behind the man who gets no benefit from a fraud of this kind.

"He thought that the Admiralty matters were the only ones known to the Revenue, and he thought he could bluff them into the belief that there was nothing else," said Mr. Salkeld Green, alleging that Sir Walter's "omissions" from his returns were deliberate.

Mr. Daniel Scanlon, formerly inspector of taxes in Hull, produced the accounts of the Admiralty, one of the tramp steamers owned by Sir Walter, when he was Mr. Cockerline, in 1913. Mr. Scanlon said that in that year he called on Mr. Cockerline who undertook to produce his books for inspection, but when he (Mr. Scanlon) called, Mr. Rainey, a clerk, "You cannot see

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ELECTRIC FISH MYSTERY.

WHAT DOES IT EAT?

PLYMOUTH.

A torpedo that was hauled out of the bay here by Dr. E. J. Allen, the director of the Marine Biological Association's Institute, is now being carefully tended in the Aquarium on the Hoe.

It is not the death-dealing high explosive weapon used by warships. It is an enormous flat fish resembling a skate or ray. Its peculiarity is that it gives off electric shocks from its black back.

This fish is a rare capture in English waters. Dr. Allen does not remember one having been caught here for more than 30 years.

The torpedo has been placed in a glass tank with a number of other fish. But tasty crabs, succulent worms, and choice bits from the seabed have failed to make it eat. The torpedo has been on hunger strike ever since it was caught a week ago. It has a body 2 ft. 6 in. long by 2 ft. 6 in. across and a long tail.

"We may learn a great deal from this torpedo," said Dr. Allen, "providing we can keep it alive by making it eat. The torpedo may use its electric shocks as a means of stunning its prey or as a means of defence. We do not know what it eats."

the books. I refuse to give permission."

Asked if he was acting under Mr. Cockerline's authority, Mr. Rainey said, "I will not answer that."

Mr. Scanlon added that he did not see the books. Additional assessments were then made for 1910 and 1911, and the first assessments for 1913 and 1914, and in due course appeals were entered in regard to the four tramp steamers, *Adriatic*, *Graphic*, *Atlantic*, and *Maestri*.

Mr. Cockerline's signature was attached to a letter dated May 5th, 1915, now produced, stating that it was understood that the income tax authorities would forgo proceedings for penalties upon his (Mr. Cockerline's) undertaking to produce the audited accounts dating back to 1897.

In interviews Mr. Cockerline said that possibly a good year had been omitted from some of the averages.

On March 9th, 1917, a letter was received from Mr. Cockerline's accountants, Messrs. Gregson and Son, saying: "With reference to the agreement made with Mr. Southwell (the inspecting officer), with regard to the adjustment of Mr. Cockerline's income tax returns, we make the amount payable for the years from 1897-98 to 1914-15 to be £11,148 18s. 1d."

"His Bookkeeper."

"Mr. Cockerline will be glad to pay this duty on application. He wishes us to express his sincere regret that cause has been given through default of his late bookkeeper for this amount to be owing, with also for the trouble given to the income tax authorities in this adjustment."

Dr. Jackson, cross-examining, suggested that Mr. Rainey, the cashier and bookkeeper, who was "an old gentleman," and retired in 1915, was very jealous of his books, and that that was the reason he would not allow Mr. Scanlon to see them.

Mr. Scanlon replied that he could not say, and later added, "I did not mention Rainey's refusal to Mr. Cockerline because I took it to be a considered action on Mr. Cockerline's part."

It was true that Mr. Cockerline had promised him every access to all the books. Mr. Rainey when refusing to let him see them said that he (Rainey) would give any information required.

Accountant's Surprise.

Mr. Athol G. Gregson, of Messrs. Joseph Gregson and Son, chartered accountants, said that he had personally audited the voyage accounts of Sir Walter Cockerline's ships since 1918.

Mr. Salkeld Green: In the light of your subsequent knowledge was the material supplied sufficient to enable you to produce accounts giving a correct account of the full profit of those voyages?—No.

Questioned regarding a letter he received from Mr. Murray, the inspector of taxes, on May 16th, 1924, Mr. Gregson said that a certain paragraph in it was "a complete surprise" to him. He drew Sir Walter Cockerline's attention to it.

Sir Walter said that the amounts in the letter had been credited to the Admiralty account.

"I then walked into the general office and saw the account," Mr. Gregson added. "It was the first time I had ever seen that account."

Sir Walter had said in that interview that he had had a very unsatisfactory claim against the Admiralty in respect of the *a.s. Cambric*, and that he had "placed these amounts to the credit of the Admiralty account as a set-off."

Sir Walter also said that he ultimately intended to return those amounts.

Mr. Gregson said that included in the aggregate sum of £107,108 0s. 2d. was an amount in respect of super-tax in 1925-26 for which no assessment had been made.

Dr. Jackson said that that amount, which was not back duty, was £17,688.

The hearing was adjourned.

ELLEN TERRY.

FUNERAL SCENES OF GAY
TRIUMPH.

FAMILY'S BRIGHT CLOTHES.

CHURCH PREPARED AS FOR A WEDDING.

TENTERDEN, Kent, July 25th.
Ellen Terry to-day started on her last journey to the city where she became famous amid a scene that was a fitting end to a career of inimitable triumph.

There was no funeral sadness, no tears; just an air of gay triumph. An atmosphere of a happy meeting off the stage following the ringing down of the last curtain.

A bright golden gown, she wore in many of her stage triumphs covered the white casket as it was carried from the house into the narrow road, where hundreds of villagers, the men in workaday clothes, the women in summer dresses, were assembled.

Mr. Gordon Craig, Ellen Terry's son, wearing a grey lounge suit, followed close behind with his sister, Miss Edith Craig, who wore a light grey costume. Then came other members of the family in blue, grey, purple, and red. On one side walked the Mayor of Tenterden, Major Robson, in a grey suit, in which he attended a garden party yesterday, and Major Neve, the local squire, in sporting dress.

Labourers' Shirt Sleeves.
Only the white surplices of the clergy, waiting at the gate of the churchyard at Small Hythe, reminded the crowd that death and not life was here. Up the path they carried her, shoulder high between horny-handed labourers in corduroy trousers, their shirt sleeves rolled up, who had come from their work with their homes and rakes and scythes.

Inside the church had been prepared as for a wedding. The fragrance of sweet lavender and herbs, strewn down the aisle, perfumed the tiny building and mingled with the scent of roses woven about the altar.

The vicar of Tenterden, the Rev. M. L. Man, opened on a joyous note in praise of famous men, and then from the choir came Lady Maud Warrender's voice, singing the rousing Easter hymn "Alleluia."

They said prayers, a prayer of thanks for the life that had cheered and brightened the lives of her brothers and sisters. The benediction followed and it was all over. Out into the sunshine, which glinted brightly on the gold coverlet, they carried her to the joyful notes of the Nunc Dimittis.

They placed the casket in a flower-covered hearse and tiny bunches of cottage garden flowers. And so, as she wished, "without corpse-gazings, tears, black taint, or grave-yard grimaces," Ellen Terry resumed her journey through the garden of Kent to the city of her triumphs.

Cottage As Memorial.

Steps are being taken to ensure that the famous old cottage where Ellen Terry spent her last days and in which she died shall become a permanent memorial to her great career.

The house is a charming Tudor building with heavy oak timbers set in bright green meadows. The fragrance of roses pervades the garden, and every room, with its quaint low ceilings and massive beams, is rich with memories of the stage of a past generation.

One suggestion is that the cottage should be acquired by public subscription and maintained just as it is, with the bed on which the actress died in the low downstairs room and the chair given to her by Henry Irving beside it.

Another proposal is that the cottage and its garden should be acquired as a rest home for aged actresses in distressed circumstances.

GIRL'S BODY IN WOOD.

FIRE REVEALS MYSTERIOUS
CRIME.

VIENNA, July 18th.
Shortly before a storm broke over Vienna yesterday a fire started in the woods surrounding Hermes Villa, formerly the summer residence of the Empress Elisabeth of Austria, near the Schoenbrunn Palace.

Firemen found the body of a beautiful girl, believed to be a foreigner, with shot wounds, among the burning bushes. A bottle smelling of benzine lay near by, indicating that the author of the crime intended to obliterate all traces of it by soaking her clothing in the spirit and setting fire to it.

He was partly defeated in this aim by a heavy fall of rain. A hue and cry has been raised for the murderer, but so far without avail.

The description of a young athlete seen sunbathing in the park in a swimming costume earlier in the afternoon has been circulated.

THAMES PETROL DANGER.

TANKERS NOT TO ASCEND
RIVER.

COMMISSIONER'S DECISION.

LONDON, July 25th.
After an inquiry which has lasted eight months the Board appointed by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Col. Wilfrid Ashley) to consider the Port of London Authority's recommendation that oil tankers should be allowed to proceed further up the River Thames has presented its report.

I gather, says the *Daily Mail* Parliamentary correspondent, that the Board, composed of Major T. H. Crozier, Inspector of Explosives to the Home Office, and Professor J. S. Baume, of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, have reported in an adverse sense.

At present oil tankers are not permitted to come up the Thames further than Thames Haven, 34 miles below London Bridge. The Port of London Authority proposed that ocean-going tankers carrying as much as 4,500,000 gallons of spirit should be permitted to come up the river as far as Purfleet, which is some five miles only from the London County Council boundary.

Considerably more than 1,000,000 tons of petrol enters the Thames every year, and the risk of an accident bringing thousands of gallons of flaming petrol flowing up the river on a rising tide led the Board of Inquiry to recommend most strongly against the proposal.

I gather, however, that some very minor amendments of the existing regulations, so as to place importers and exporters on a level footing, are proposed.

ARSENIC EATERS.

SECRET ADDICTS IN FOREST
OF DEAN.

Newport, Monmouthshire.
Mrs. Caroline Moss, of Mildura House, Chepstow-road, Newport, says that towards the end of the last century she wrote to the Home Secretary stating that she knew of people in the Forest of Dean becoming addicted to the habit of eating arsenic. Mrs. Moss says:

I know that the dangerous habit prevailed in the neighbourhood of Coleford and around Timberton.

People get fascinated with the idea that arsenic taken in small quantities at regular intervals will benefit them. They become known as arsenic eaters. Knowing that the habit is condemned by doctors, they try to keep it as quiet as possible.

I was so afraid that Mrs. Pace would be found guilty that I thought the Home Secretary ought to know of the habit in the district where the Paces lived.

Preparations are made from herbs and poisons that the arsenic eaters are in the habit of taking, and they get a lasting fascination for them.

Home Office Inquiries.

The Home Secretary wrote in reply to Mrs. Moss's letter that inquiries would be made into the subject.

Mrs. Elsie Lewis, of Corporation-road, Newport, also states that arsenic eating is a habit in the Forest of Dean. "My aunt," she said, "used to make up a secret preparation of herbs and poison. In the district arsenic is believed to have wonderful powers, and people get gripped with the idea of its potency."

DOG TRACK FAILURE.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

A receiver has been appointed for the Greyhound Racing Association (Liverpool), Limited, which owns one of the two dog-racing tracks in Liverpool.

The G.R.A., which is in turn controlled by the G.R.A. Trust, whose shares are held by the public, has a 25 per cent. share interest in this Liverpool company, but received the shares not for a cash payment but in consideration of a licence to use the G.R.A.'s electric hare system.

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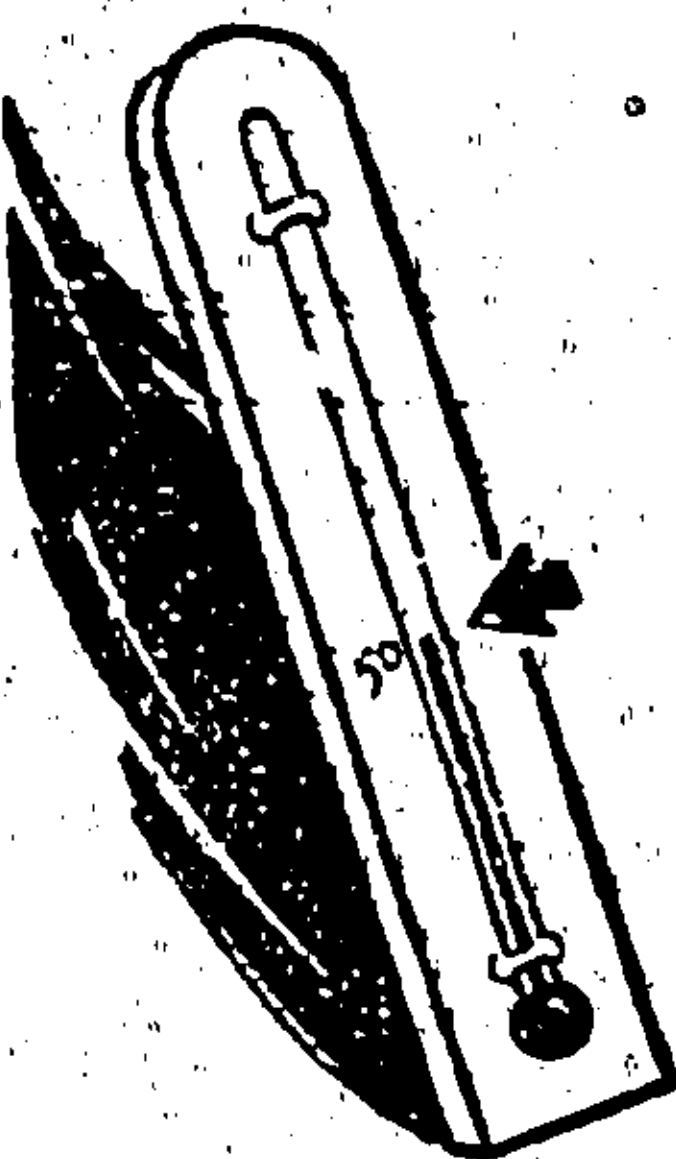
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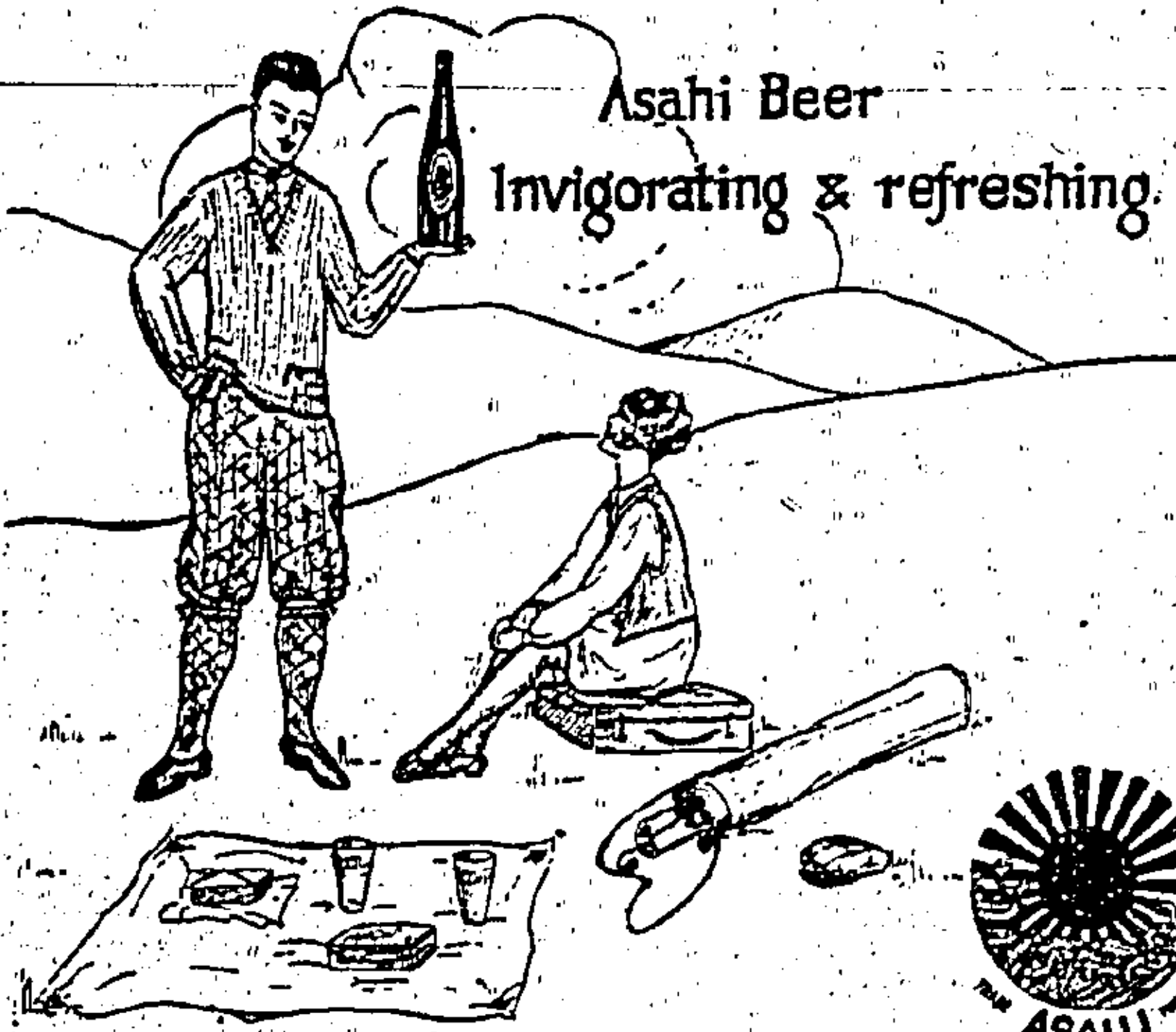
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MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND LIBERALISM.

THE PROBLEM OF THE MINES.

Mr. Lloyd George addressed 23,000 people at a Liberal fete at Bywell Park, Stockfield-on-Tyne. Accompanied by Dame Margaret Lloyd George and Miss Megan Lloyd George, he was received enthusiastically with the singing of "Land of My Fathers" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

"This is a glorious resurrection for a dead Party," he said, amid cheers. "The same process is going on in every part of Great Britain, and when the time comes within the next twelve months we shall be giving a good account of ourselves for the old Party and the old Principles."

He expressed delight that the proposed Kellogg Pact for the outlawry of war was at last going to be signed.

WHAT THE LIBERALS WILL DO.

"There has been a good deal of reluctance and hesitation over the Kellogg Pact, and I am afraid a good deal of real reservation and restriction," said Mr. Lloyd George. When it came over first of all from America it was scrutinised and examined with suspicion as if it had been a rattle-snake, which they were afraid would bite. But they have tied it up with a good many reservations. They have extracted what they regarded as some of the poison. Now they have put it in a glass case and the statement of Europe will add it to the other specimens of their prowess in treaty making.

"But to test the real efficacy of that doctrine, will it be followed by a reduction in armaments? Every pact and treaty has been followed by the signatory nations with the piling up of camps to crush each other down, of aeroplanes to bomb each other's cities, and of cruisers and submarines to sink each other's ships. In this country we are spending £114,000,000 a year on the mechanism of human slaughter, whereas before the war we were spending £77,000,000, and that in spite of all those treaties. It is no use having treaties unless you reduce armaments, otherwise it will be a farce that will end in tragedy.

Therefore, I am looking forward to the time when the Liberal Party will come in to convert those pacts into a reality. (Cheers.) After all, peace, retrenchment, and reform are the traditional tasks of our party, and we are preparing to take them up with a good heart, with an efficient organisation, with a new purpose, and with a real unity among ourselves.

He remembered during his time in Parliament two splits in the Tory Party. In the last of them, Lord Birkenhead described his present colleagues as men of second-rate ability. Since he has joined them, I believe that opinion has been confirmed. (Laughter.) The Socialists, until quite recently, were always taunting Liberals on their divisions. Well, this week the Socialists had a good pillow fight upstairs in a committee room at the House of Commons, and as far as he could see the leaders came out with white feathers all over them, but with none sticking to the garments of Maxton and Wheatley. (Laughter.)

The Coal Problem.

Coal was a basic industry on which practically all other industries depended, and until it was put right, we should not get the trade, industry, and employment of the country right. The coal problem was not one for one section, or class, or party. It was the concern of all. The trouble up to the present had been that whenever a Liberal offered his advice about the mines he was told that it was none of his business. It was suggested that the concern of the miners was the sole copyright of the Socialist Party.

"They (the Socialists) cannot tolerate our agreeing with them. I see in the papers to-day they are still at it, using language about each other which I really could not repeat, but I have no doubt it is quite true, because they know each other better than I know them." (Laughter.)

The Liberal Party was prepared to tackle all those problems which the Tories and Socialists had made such a mess of between them. The coal output in this country had gone down by twenty or thirty million tons, or more, per annum since 1913, while the output of

Germany, France, and Belgium were up. The Socialists said if you disagreed with them that you were the enemy of the human race. If you agreed with them you were meddling with matters that were not your concern. The result was the mess in which they found themselves.

A Dismal Speech.

The whole nation had real sympathy with the plight of the miners, and those particularly who had something to do with the direction of the war would never forget the prompt and gallant patriotism with which the miners sprang to the flag. But their leaders had reduced them from a most powerful strategic position to a position of helplessness. That was the result of inept and fatuous leadership.

Referring to the speech of the President of the Miners' Federation at Llandudno, Mr. Lloyd George said: "There has been nothing as dismal since the lamentations of Jeremiah. Of course, they blame others. My experience is that people who muddle their own affairs always blame every body but themselves."

He would point out the mistakes so that they could be remedied. The first was to treat the mines as if they were merely the concern of one party. "That is the sort of jealousy which some doctors show when anybody tries to cure someone on their panel," said Mr. Lloyd George. (Laughter.) They would rather see them die. (Laughter.)

The second mistake was that they would take nothing in the way of a remedy unless they got everything. That was a first-class mistake. It was not statesmanship. "What was the position now? The miners' leaders were all too moderate to tolerate extreme men in their company and were too extreme to accept moderate counsels when opposed to them. They had none of their own, and the result was confusion and chaos. I have friends among the miners, some of my best friends in Wales are miners, and I tell you honestly that unless you take the help of all those who sympathise with you, whether they are in the Socialist Party or outside it, you will never settle this question on practical lines."

Criticising the Government's rating proposals, Mr. Lloyd George said that the more prosperous a concern was the more relief it would get. It was the old Tory gospel: "To him that hath shall be given." It was unfair that relief was merely to be given to producers and not to distributors, with the result that Burton-on-Trent they knew what was produced there (laughter)—would get three times as much relief in proportion as Newcastle-on-Tyne. He asked in all honesty of purpose, which made the greatest contribution to the prosperity of the country? Producers of beer, whisky, tobacco, and golf balls would get three-fourths of their rates paid for them. Beer would get £400,000, although it was making £25,000,000 profit, against £9,000,000 before the war.

Mr. Lloyd George said that the rate relief scheme was not the way to help agriculture. He was profoundly alarmed at the desolation of our countryside with our young men fleeing from it, and with our plague-stricken, and competing with the unemployed already in our towns. It was because he wanted to see those things remedied, that he looked forward to the early return of the Liberal Party to power.

ARSENIC DEATH MYSTERY.

WIDOWER SAYS: "WE WERE LIKE DARBY AND JOAN."

LLANELLY, Carmarthenshire. I am informed, writes a correspondent to a Home paper, that the relatives of Mrs. Jessie Llewellyn, whose death at the age of 53 was declared by the family doctor to have been due to arsenic poisoning, intend to spare no expense in elucidating the mystery. She was the wife of Mr. Joseph Llewellyn, a Llanelly builder, who is in his 68th year.

The relatives intend to call on one or more of the best experts in the country when the inquiry is resumed. Detectives who are searching for the arsenic which was believed to be in a position to give important evidence, are now satisfied that the man does not live in Llanelly. An intensive search was begun in another town. The police are confident that they will find the missing witness.

Dying Wife's Thanks.

Mr. Llewellyn, the widower, was working as usual at his bench in the carpenter's shop connected with his joinery business. He said, "I cannot understand the mystery. I am fortified during the suspense by one thought. I have a clear conscience—a conscience that is as clear as crystal. We were just like Darby and Joan and no couple ever thought of each other so affectionately as we did. During our short married life I did all possible for her comfort or pleasure. She thanked me just before she died, and she did not know she was dying for what I had done for her."

THE SILVER SCREEN.

NEW WEST END CINEMA.

TWO FINE FILMS.

When negotiations for the purchase of Archbishop Teeson's School in Leicester Square, W., are completed it is probable that a super-cinematograph theatre will be erected on its site.

The purchase price was fixed at £20,000, and the site extends into Charing Cross Road, but it does not include the shops on the north side of Gresham Street. These are, however, involved and are the subject of negotiations.

If a new cinema is erected Leicester Square will have a variety theatre, two cinemas, and the nearly completed Empire Theatre, at which cinema performances will be one of the attractions.

"The Legion of the Condemned."

Miss Fay Wray, the young star who makes her appearance in a new air-film at the London Plaza this week, and who is one of Eric Von Stroheim's discoveries, possesses the peculiar and by no means unattractive gift of reminding her audience by turns of one and then another established film actress.

She has a quite distinct appearance and personality, but as her moves, as her face changes expression one remembers Gloria Swanson, Pola Negri, and the Talmaires.

Her screen companion is Mr. Gary Cooper, one of the members of the aerial Foreign Legion: the two of them represent the latest of those teams which are now in vogue both for romantic and for comic pictures.

Pilot And Spy.

She is a French spy: he is a daring pilot, one of whose tasks it is to convey her to enemy territory. Captured by the enemy, she is used as an unwilling decoy to lure the young pilot to death on his return journey. As heroes and heroines in films seldom escape living happily afterwards, and it is hardly necessary to explain that they are rescued in time.

"The Legion of the Condemned" has a less preposterous plot than has "Wings," though it does not provide quite such aerial sensations and is more of a man's picture—the kind which women, however, heartily appreciate. Mr. Barry Norton (of "What Price Glory" fame) and Mr. Lane Chandler, a good type and comparatively new to films, are other members of the air squadron.

Grim Drama Of "The Wind."

A new film which is as eerie as it is in every way excellent is "The Wind," with Lillian Gish. As might be expected it is a picture which calls for much suffering on the part of the heroine. A penniless young girl who joins her only relations on a poverty-stricken ranch in a wind-bitten, sand-scoured desert region. Every foot of this film builds up to the intense climax. People who do not really enjoy being harrowed had better avoid it when it comes out here, for it gives good measure of grim drama.

The heroine finds herself unwelcome on the ranch: turns to a flash cattle-dealer who pursues her, only to learn with horror that he is already married, and marries a young farmer instead.

Dead Man In The Sand.

One day the husband is riding out the cruellest of the winds, endeavouring to corral wild horses and get money to send his wife away where she will be happier. The cattle-dealer comes to the house, where the little wife cowers in terror of the shrieking tornado. He overpowers her. She shoots him, hardly knowing what she is doing, and buries him in the sand which, to her disordered fancy, shifts and uncovers the body.

And yet, when the husband returns, out of all the wretchedness and misery she has undergone, she is able at last to make him understand that after all, in spite of everything, she does not want to go away.

Lillian Gish At Her Best.

Lillian Gish has long been regarded as one of the finest of screen actresses. She has never done better than in "The Wind." Her more annoying mannerisms have practically vanished, her face is a mirror for a thousand emotions: she plays each scene with rare sincerity and power. Lara Hansen, as the husband, is once more the Lara Hansen of his earlier Swedish films. He gives a perfect performance in a film which is practically flawless.

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CINEMA NEWS.

"13 WASHINGTON SQUARE."

"13 Washington Square" is a mystery thriller with plenty of laughs at the Queen's to-day until Saturday with Jean Hersholt and Alice Joyce. Hersholt has the role of a thief who specialises in valuable paintings. He tries to rob a house owned by a wealthy woman played by Miss Joyce. The house is thought to be empty. But unknown to each other a whole lot of people have entered the owner and her maid, the owner's son and the girl he is eloping with, the thief, police officers and reporters. Before long all sorts of strange happenings are taking place and a number of eerie events follow until the unexpected climax is reached. "13 Washington Square" has plenty of laughs, many provided by Zasu Pitts, a comedienne of ability, as the maid.

"The Potters."

"The Potters" at the World, is a comedy of domestic life from to-day to Saturday. W. C. Fields takes the part of "Pa" Potter who boasts of his "connections" in the city when, really, he is only a hard working stenographer. At home he is so tormented for his meanness that he plunges his life savings into oil stock in order to get rich quickly, and finally comes out on top and surprises everybody with his sudden wealth.

At The Star.

"God Gave Me Twenty Cents," the picture which will be screened at the Star from to-day to Saturday is another production from the hand of Herbert Brenon, the director of "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan." The picture contains romance, action and suspense, and tells the story of two men, one good, the other bad: of two women, one a mere child, the other a hard and cold, calculating woman. It tells how the two women come to love the same man, and how, with the aid of the coins, the happiness of all is almost wrecked. The picture is distinctly unusual in theme and is enacted by a strong cast headed by Lois Moran, Jack Mulhall, Lya de Putti, and William Collier, Jr.

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CIVILIAN DISPLAYS ARRANGED.

CHINESE TO PRESENT "LION PLAYING."

PORTUGUESE TO STAGE "VASCO DA GAMA AT CALICUT."

Definite decisions have now been reached regarding the nature of the civilian displays at the Grand Tattoo which will take place at Sookunpoo on October 4, 5 and 6.

Early details of the Portuguese and Chinese events indicate that they will both add considerably to the spectacular nature of the event and will be included in a programme which will be notable for its wide scope and variety.

Slight Rearrangement.

The Portuguese display will now be included in the programme of the third night instead of the first, this slight rearrangement being made to avoid clashing with the celebrations in connection with Portuguese National Day. The Chinese display will now be given on the first night, the illuminated motor car parade organised by the Hong Kong Automobile Association being changed to Friday, October 5th.

Apart from these items the programme will remain the same on each night, except that the display of fireworks by the Japanese community will only be given on the last night of the Grand Tattoo, and the three dancing displays on separate nights.

Macao Governor's Daughter To Take Part.

The plans of the Portuguese community were revealed at a meeting of the Working Committee on Tuesday when a statement was made by Mr. J. P. Braga on the invitation of H.E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Mr. Braga said he was happy to announce that the Portuguese community would defray the entire cost of their display in the Tattoo and that no expense in connection with it would fall on the general Tattoo funds. It was also announced that H.E. the Governor of Macao had expressed his pleasure at the co-operation of the Hong Kong Portuguese community in the Grand Tattoo and that he would be happy for his daughter Mlle. Barbosa to take part in the Portuguese display. These announcements were warmly received by the Working Committee of the Grand Tattoo.

Vasco da Gama And His Galleon.

The principal Portuguese display will depict the landing of Vasco da Gama at Calicut. The Portuguese navigator, it may be recalled, was placed in supreme command of an expedition to the African continent. Vasco da Gama arrived at Calicut on the Malabar coast on May 20th, 1498 and set up, according to the custom of his country, a marble

pillar as a mark of conquest and a proof of his discovery of India.

For the purpose of the display an actual replica of da Gama's galleon is being made from an illustration in the possession of H.E. the Governor of Macao. The galleon will be fitted up entirely by the Portuguese community and of course those taking part in the scene will be dressed in the costumes of the period. The galleon will be thirty feet long.

The Portuguese community will also present a tableau representing the world's oldest alliance, Britain and Portugal. In this Middle Barbossa will take the part of Britannia while Miss Cerveira Albuquerque, daughter of the Consul General for Portugal in Hong Kong will represent Portugal. During this tableau the British and Portuguese national anthems will be played by one of the military bands in the Colony.

An invitation to visit the Grand Tattoo will be extended to H.E. the Governor of Macao and Madame Barbosa and it is hoped that an official party from the Portuguese Colony will be present.

Spectacular Chinese Item.

With regard to the Chinese display original plans have been cultivated somewhat owing to the area available at Sookunpoo and it has now been decided that "lion playing" will be performed. This, another spectacular item which will be new to the majority of foreigners, calls for the manufacture of a lion's head which is carried by men inside, together with a body piece to represent a huge animal. The "lion" is baited by men in front, the display really developing into a clever acrobatic performance.

It is expected that the Sookunpoo ground will, with the erection of additional stands, be able to accommodate about 5,000 people each night. Each seat will command an excellent view of the ground, and while the prices have not yet been definitely decided, they will be based on a sliding scale. Some seats at any rate will be bookable beforehand and it is hoped that seating plans will be out in the near future.

FATAL ALPS LURE.

22 LIVES LOST IN 12 DAYS.

Garmisch, July 24th.
Another series of fatal accidents in the Alps is reported to-day.

While making an excursion with a companion on the Schlegelacke in the Silvretta Range a young student named Albert Christ fell down a crevasse. With great difficulty his friend fastened the rope by which he was attached to the injured man to an ice axe and went in search of help. When he returned with a number of guides the student was dead.

On the Garmisch, near Innsbruck, Karl Thomas, a student of philosophy, lost his life through an attack of vertigo, which caused him to lose his foothold and fall over a precipice.

While making an ascent of the Oltschikopf with two women companions a tourist named Brunner slipped and was killed.

Another serious accident occurred to a young man named Zwalhen, who received terrible injuries while looking for edelweiss on the Saus, in the Bernese Oberland. During an ascent of the Crepaccio in the Dolomites, yesterday, two Italian students fell 1,800 feet and were killed.

Two other fatal accidents have been reported from the same region.

July has been a month of disasters in the Swiss Alps. On Friday, July 13th, the worst disaster recorded for 25 years in the Zermatt district occurred on the Breithorn, where four French tourists were killed. Eleven other mountaineering deaths were reported between July 13th and 23rd.

THE CRIME AND THE PENALTY.

MAN WHO BURNED A LIVE
MOUSE.

Does the punishment fit the crime in cases of cruelty to animals?

In the House of Lords Lord Templeton, a vigorous Peer of 75, called attention to a case reported some time ago in which a man convicted of holding a live mouse by its tail in the flame of a candle was fined 15s.

[The case was heard at Northampton on May 21st, and the person fined was William Fricker, aged 18.]

The magistrate who imposed this penalty described the offence as a "ghastly and most repulsive act of cruelty," and Lord Templeton contended that such horrible crimes should be more severely punished. "Lord Desborough, for the Home Office, said that there had been many appeals to the Home Office from people who said that such acts of cruelty to animals should be punished by flogging or even by torture but it was doubtful whether the old penal system of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth would be tolerated. It was doubtful, moreover, whether magistrates would inflict corporal punishment. They seemed averse from imposing severe penalties.

The most frequent suggestion made was that he should circumscribe the magistrates, advising them to inflict more severe penalties. But it was a serious question how far it was advisable or right to interfere with the judiciary.

The educative effect of public opinion would be better determined than the infliction of very severe punishment.

THE ROSS IN- STITUTE.

APPEAL FOR ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS.

MRS. SOUTHERN HONG KONG'S
REPRESENTATIVE.

WORK THAT MAKES THE
TROPICS HEALTHY.

Mrs. Southern has written to us from Government House enclosing the appeal for the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases which we publish below. Mrs. Southern adds:—

"I have just consented to be the representative for Hong Kong on the Ladies' Committee and I shall be very glad to receive the names of any ladies in the Colony who would care to become Associates and to forward their subscriptions to the Ladies' Committee."

RESEARCH WORK.

The appeal states:—
The Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases, which is situated in beautiful surroundings at Putney Heath, near London, was founded two years ago as a lasting tribute to the work and genius of a great man. Sir Ronald Ross identified the Anopheles Mosquito as the carrier of the malaria parasite, and by this discovery has been the means of bringing health and security to millions in fever-infested regions all over the world. There is no need to tell those who live in the East, of the dangers to life and physical well-being that malaria brings in its train, and it is particularly vital to the British Empire, stretching as it does over vast tropical areas, that the importance of this branch of medical science should be realised.

The Institute has well equipped laboratories, where facilities are given to medical men and others from the tropics, to carry on work for the treatment and prevention of tropical disease. In addition to this, most valuable research on the subject of Cancer—that most dreaded of all diseases among civilised nations—is going steadily forward there. But more laboratories are needed; also additional wards and private rooms for patients. As the work grows and develops, so the need of support grows greater. Donations and subscriptions towards the maintenance and endowment of the Institute will always be most gratefully received, and the Ladies' Committee is anxious to enroll associates, who will contribute a minimum annual subscription of 10/6, or the minimum payment of £10.10.

Those who help in this way are giving their support to a work of vital importance, not only to the Empire, but to the whole human race.

MR. JOHN MASEFIELD'S TRIBUTE.

Mr. John Masefield writes:—
"When I was a boy, I had a friend from whom I parted in July. In August that friend was in a small barque in a Brazilian yellow fever port. He died of yellow fever with most of his shipmates a few days after his arrival.

In those days, this was a common occurrence in the yellow fever ports. Men made their wills or resigned their souls before they went to them. Sometimes ships would lose their entire crews there, and new crews would also die. No man knew how the disease came, nor how it could be cured, or prevented; it was one of the mysteries and one of the terrors of life.

While I was still a boy, I passed some summers in a land where nearly everybody was inconvenienced by mild attacks of malaria during each summer. This, too, was one of the mysteries of life; none knew how the disease came nor how it could be prevented. "It was due," men said, "to bad air from the marshes" (even when there were no marshes).

Then Sir Ronald Ross discovered the part played by the mosquito in conveying the malaria parasite, and instantly the whole vast mystery of tropical disease was made clear. Little remained but to "find the carrier" of the germ of each disease. It was not too much to say that Sir Ronald Ross cut the Panama Canal and made a third of the world habitable.

Not long ago, I visited three cities, each terrible in the past for its yellow fever record. I was in them in the summer, in months when in the old days hundreds would have been dying in every ward, and other thousands shivering with ague.

Sir Ronald Ross had made those cities each as peaceful—and as healthy as Bath or Hampstead. This is the greatest thing done in our time by one man.

The nation which produced that man should crown his deed with a living power to make his work not a memory, but a lifting up of life throughout the world.

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About ten years before Sir Ronald Ross made his great discovery, he wrote the following lines:—
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to me,
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The fevered hands and note down all I see.
That some dim distant light may haply break,
The painful faces ask "—can we not cure
We answer, "No, not yet; we seek the laws."
O God! reveal through all this thing obscure
The unseen, small, but million murdering cause."

ASSOCIATES.

It will be some years before the Executive Committee can reasonably expect to create an adequate endowment fund, and in the meantime a large annual maintenance expenditure must be met if useful work is to be continued. The objects of the Institute are fourfold:—

- (1) To carry on intensive research work in the prevention and treatment of tropical diseases.
 - (2) To afford facilities to, and assist medical men and others while at home from the tropics to carry out of continuing researches on any special subject they may wish to pursue.
 - (3) To receive in the hospital and treat sufferers from tropical diseases.
 - (4) To create more interest in malaria and tropical disease control work and assist such work in every possible manner.
- The Ladies' Committee wishes to raise the necessary amount required for maintenance purposes by means of Associates of the Institute who will contribute a minimum annual subscription of half-a-guinea (or, one minimum payment of £10.10), by which means other donations will be able to go towards the endowment fund.
- Annual reports will be sent to Associates.

CONVICT AS LECTURER.

JOB FOR AN "AVERAGE" CRIMINAL.

SYDNEY.

With the object of assisting the study of the psychology of crime, the Sydney University Film Society is seeking the services of what is described as a "fair, average criminal, experienced robber, house-breaker, or confidence trick man," to lecture during the luncheon hour to members of the society. It is proposed that the lecture shall be preceded by a film dealing with crime. The lecturer will then be invited to describe himself and give an account of his career. He will tell members whether he was naturally an evil-doer or the victim of adversity, environment, or cruel laws. Mr. J. R. Lee, the New South Wales Minister of Justice, states that if any present convict offers his services, the Government will consider his application for permission to speak.

LIVING ON ROOTS.

BUSHMEN OF WATERLESS AFRICAN DESERT.

JOHANNESBURG.

Captain the Hon. B. E. H. Clifford, who led the Kalahari Desert expedition from Mahalapye, Bechuanaland, to the Victoria Falls, Rhodesia, states that the main result of the observations will be the construction of a string of wells 50 miles apart across the desert. He described the N'Gami country as the most beautiful in Africa and said it contained valuable grazing districts. The first bushman found by the party was taking sustenance from a bulbous root. He was also trying to heal a wound with native medicine, but he said the root cure depended upon his god. He was unable to describe that desert deity.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

LI TSUNG JEN'S CONSTRUCTION PROPOSALS.

TO USE BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS.

PERMISSIBLE NOW MILITARISTS ARE EXILED.

[BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 15th.

Marshal Li Tsung Jen, Commander of the Fourth Group Army and Chairman of the Wuhan Branch of the Central Political Council, has to-day made known through a telegram to the Canton authorities that he is taking steps to appropriate the British returned Boxer Indemnity Funds for the completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway. The reason why he adopted this course was that it was too difficult a matter to raise funds in any other way. Some time ago he sent two representatives to Canton, Mr. Li Yuk Tong, a well known merchant of Hong Kong, and Mr. Liu Taiq Yu, to confer with the local authorities respecting the raising money to the complete the project. "But no satisfactory result was reached." It was because of this that the General decided to obtain money from the source mentioned. He submitted the matter, together with a set of elaborate plans, to the Wuhan Political Council, of which he is the Chairman. The Council adopted the Marshal's proposal and plans without a dissenting vote. The Council is solidly behind the Marshal in this regard and has already submitted the matter to the Ministry of Communication at Nanking for consideration.

Linking Up Chinese Railways.

In the petition submitted to the Ministry of Communication, the Wuhan Political Council stresses the great importance of completing the project. It states that the Canton-Hankow Railway runs through three provinces, Kwangtung, Hunan, and Hupeh. On the North it connects up with the Peking-Hankow Railway; and on the East it unites with the projected Chengtu-Hankow Railway. It crosses China's three greatest rivers, the Hwangho, the Yangtze-Kiang, and the Chu-kiang, at their most important points and is China's primary railway. The development of Hunan and Hupeh is dependent upon this railway more than upon anything else. The projected line is more than a thousand li in length, of which over six hundred li have been completed. The route to be completed is only 445 li. According to the calculations of the experts, the amount required for the completion of this length, that is, from Shuiwan to Hankow, is about \$65,000,000.

Kwangtung's Agreement.

Continuing, the petition says: "Ever since the Wuhan Political Council was organized, it has been constantly conferring with the influential people of the Leung Hu Provinces regarding means for completing this gigantic project. The consensus of opinion has been in favour of getting on with it as soon as possible. The Council has also had many conferences with the Kwangtung Provincial Administration and complete approval has been evinced each time. The chief difficulty, however, lies in the raising funds. It will be recalled that in 1923 Great Britain made the proposal that it would return to China its Boxer Indemnity Funds. At that time leading Chinese people both at home and abroad proposed that such funds should be used for constructing railways only. Reference was made to the completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway. But at that time the militarists were at the zenith of their power and the people were afraid that these funds would be used for military purposes. But now the militarists have all been deposed and driven into exile, and the country has been united under the Nationalist Government in fact as well as in name. It is therefore pertinent that such funds should be appro-

riated for the completion of this most important project. As regards the execution of the project, the Wuhan Political Council is submitting the following points for your consideration."

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME.

- 1.—From 1923 on, calculated on an accumulative basis, Great Britain's Boxer Indemnity Funds, as collected and kept by the China Maritime Customs, should now amount to something like \$20,000,000. The Government should, therefore, be requested to make the necessary negotiations with all the parties concerned to have this sum apportioned to the construction of the unfinished portion of the Canton-Hankow Railway. Though this amount is far from enough, yet it will do for the first payment.
- 2.—Great Britain's Boxer Indemnity Funds will, when completely paid, amount to roughly \$110,000,000. Subtracting the \$20,000,000 from this amount, as stated in article one, \$90,000,000 still remains. The Government should, therefore, be requested to reserve this sum as an Endowment Fund for the Canton-Hankow Railway. With this eighty million dollars in reserve, the Government should issue public bonds amounting to, say, \$50,000,000. This will enable to construction work to go on without interruption.
- 3.—The public bonds should at first be sold at a discount of 10 per cent., so as to make them a more inviting proposition. People buying these bonds should not be restricted to Chinese, but any foreigner may buy them if they so wish. The money, with interest, will be paid back within 10 years. A certain amount will be paid back twice a year, the exact amount to be decided later. The persons to receive such dividend will be decided by drawing lots.
- 4.—A Canton-Hankow Railway Commission should be organized to take charge of all this money. The persons comprising the Commission should be drawn from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Communication, and other Governmental departments. A strict record should be kept, so as to inspire confidence.
- 5.—The unfinished route should be constructed in sections. This will hasten the time of completion, which should not exceed two years. Chinese engineers should be employed wherever possible.

MESSAGE TO LI TSAI HSIN.

WANTED BACK AT CANTON.

WANG CHUNG HUI EXPECTED TO-DAY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Aug. 15th.

According to an authoritative informant in an official position Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is as anxious to get back to Canton as Canton is to see him. It is hoped that he will be here again before the month is out. An urgent wire was sent to-day by the leading officials asking the Marshal to return as there were a number of urgent and important matters that were calling for his attention. It is not surprising that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has never felt entirely comfortable at the Nanking Plenary Session, and his proposals have failed to meet with the approval of the high minded but not very practical gentlemen with whom he has had to deal.

Dr. Wang Chung-Hui, Minister of Justice of the Nanking Government, is expected at Canton this morning having left Hong Kong last night by the s.s. *Taiwan*. He has been in Hong Kong since his return from Europe. Dr. Wang will be accompanied to Canton by Mr. Lo Wen Chong, Commissioner of Justice in Canton; Mr. Lu Wen Chiu, formerly Chinese Resident Commissioner at Tibet; and Mr. Lo Shih Pao, a well-known merchant of Hong Kong.

Mr. Junker Choy, manager of the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railroad, dismissed 20 employees of the line last Tuesday, thus re-asserting his rights of the manager to hire and dismiss at his own discretion—a right no manager had dared to exercise since the starting of the labour movement in Canton.

The percentage of infant mortality in Canton appears to be very high. For the first ten days in August, there was a report of 253 births and 117 deaths of infants under a year old. Of adults, there were 160 deaths, 112 being men, and 78 women.

During the storm on the night of August 13th, three persons were killed in Canton and nearly a score injured by the fall of a live electric wire in Honan.

Reports to the General Headquarters at Canton say that the short-wave radio station recently installed at Bias Bay is now in working order.

Mr. R. C. Johnson, formerly chief engineer of the Canton-Samshui Railroad, has been elected President of the Canton Water Supply Company. It is expected that, with a capable engineer at the head of the Company, there will be fewer complaints of water shortage and inefficiency.

HIGHWAY PLANNING IN KWANGSI.

SCHEMES GO FORWARD.

LINKING UP WITH KWANGTUNG ROADS.

General Wong Shiu Hung of Kwangsi, is devoting considerable attention to road construction in his province. A highway linking Pinglo with Wuchow has been started and the first section is said to have been completed. This highway is in two portions, the first running from Pinglo to Honsien, and the second from Honsien to Wuchow. Mr. Tang Xiu Juan is the director of this highway.

The draughting board is in constant use for the planning of other arterial highways through the province. Many highways have been decided upon, and will be taken in hand one at a time when the present Pinglo-Wuchow road is finished. One road will be built from Jungshan in the vicinity of Honsien to Yungchow and Taohow in Hunan, while a second important road will run from Honsien and Waitap in Wangsi, to Kwangtung, Hoikin and Szewui in the province of Kwangtung. This road will then be branched off to connect up at a point along the Canton-Samshui Railway. It will be seen that when these plans materialize, there will be a network of main roadways running through the three provinces, Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Hunan.

Kwangtung Asked To Co-operate.

The Kwangtung road authorities have been requested by the Kwangsi people to co-operate in this inter-provincial highway scheme, to survey and build the portions that lie within this province. For the sake of convenience, the executive office of the Kwangsi Roads department has been removed to Wuchow for the present. The Kwangtung Provincial Government will attend to the construction in this province, and engineers are already in the field making the preliminary survey. —Canton Gazette.

BIG FIRE AT CANTON.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

STARTS IN DOCTOR'S DISPENSARY.

On Saturday a fire broke out in a house in Yat-Tak Malao, Canton, as a result of which the two upper storeys were destroyed. Four persons lost their lives and two were seriously injured in the conflagration.

The fire started through a can of alcohol catching alight and exploding when hot sealing wax was being applied for the purpose of sealing the receptacle.

The first floor of the premises was used as consulting-rooms by a doctor, whose wife assisted in the preparation and dispensing of medicine. On the day of the catastrophe the woman in the process of preparing medicine, poured out some alcohol from a can. After taking the quantity she required, she dropped melted wax on to the stopper of the can for the purpose of re-sealing it. The alcohol suddenly caught alight, and the flame spreading to the inside of the can caused the container to explode, scattering flaming alcohol in all directions. The unfortunate woman was drenched with the burning liquid, and although help was immediately forthcoming and a blanket quickly wrapped around her to smother the flames, the serious injuries she sustained caused her to succumb later.

The fire spread with amazing rapidity to the upper floor, the stairway leading to which was quickly a mass of flames, thus cutting off egress. On that floor there were three adults and two children. The two children were lowered to the street by means of a rope, in the nick of time. Of the three adults, one jumped over the rails and was instantaneously killed, while the other two were burnt to death.

The doctor and a servant suffered serious injuries in making their escape from the first floor. —Canton Gazette.

CHINESE DAIRYMEN PROSECUTED.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARK.

WOOSUNG STREET DAIRY FINED FOR ADDING WATER.

Two Chinese dairies were in court yesterday morning. The Shun Hung Lee Dairy of No. 41, Hollywood Road, were summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindeell by the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., for having sold their own milk in Dairy Farm bottles. The master of a dairy at No. 57, Woosung Street, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield for selling adulterated milk on the 18th July.

Dairy Farm Bottles.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the Shun Hung Lee Dairy and the Dairy Farm were represented by Mr. R. A. Wadson of Messrs. Deacons.

Mr. Lo said that there would be protracted evidence and argument on behalf of his clients and the case was accordingly fixed for hearing on Monday next. The two charges are that the defendant Dairy had in their possession for sale, or for purposes of trade, certain milk on which a false trade mark was applied, and that the defendants applied a false trade description to certain milk. Both charges refer to a bottle of milk sold on the 8th August.

Adulterated Milk.

The master of the Woosung Street dairy was fined \$20 for selling adulterated milk on the 18th July. Evidence given by Mr. M. J. Reidy, Assistant Veterinary Surgeon, showed that the sample taken on that date contained 8.8 per cent. water and 7.75 per cent. solids (not fat) whereas it should contain 8.05 per cent. solids.

SHIPPING COMPANY SUED.

JUDGMENT FOR PRINTING FIRM.

The Sino-Portuguese Navigation Company was yesterday morning sued by the Yang Hing firm of printers at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice P. Jacks for \$232.21, being the amount due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiffs and the defendants were not present. Evidence was then taken from the manager of the plaintiff firm in support of the claim. Judgment was given with costs for plaintiffs.

POLICEMAN AND FIREMEN ASSAULT CASE.

BOTH PARTIES BOUND OVER.

WAS THE POLICE WHISTLE SOUNDED?

Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon decided that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction in the charge against the three firemen of obstructing a constable in course of his duty, and bound over both parties for one year in the sum of \$100 each.

The case has already spread over several hearings and the facts disclosed showed that the quarrel had arisen over a "girl" who was alleged by the defence to be the sweetheart of the Chinese constable. According to the complainant, the Chinese constable, he heard a police whistle being blown at a certain flat and following the sounds of the whistle he came to a cubicle where he found several men assaulting a girl. In his attempt to arrest them the men joined together and "pummelled" him. His police whistle attracted further Chinese constables who came to the scene, but the fighting did not cease until a European Sergeant arrived.

The defence was that the complainant had been informed that the girl was in the flat with defendants and that he went to the cubicle on his own accord to protect as the girl was his sweetheart.

Mr. M. K. Lo who appeared for the defence stressed the point that nobody except the complainant had heard the "so called sounds of a police whistle being blown." The manner in which he described the sounds and the rush to the rear cubicle without asking standers-by where they came from, and the conflicting evidence generally tended to show that this was nothing but a "trumped up excuse to visit the flat."

His Worship remarked that in view of the conflict of evidence all he could do was to bind both parties over.

FAILURE TO REGISTER A MORTGAGE.

TIME GRANTED TO RECTIFY ERROR.

A mortgage of \$90,000 made between the Fook On Assurance & Godown Co. and Ng Yuk Ching was not registered in compliance with the law. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., appeared in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, yesterday to ask for an extension of time on behalf of the Fook On Assurance & Godown Co. so that the error could be rectified.

Mr. Alabaster, who was instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, said that the mortgage had been registered in the Land Office, but through the inadvertence of the secretary, it had not been registered with the Registrar of Companies.

An affidavit made by Yue Ping Nam, a director of the Company, was then read in Court, which stated that an indenture of mortgage, dated May 8th, 1928, and made between the Company and Ng Yuk Ching, the Company assigned to Ng Yuk Ching the ground registered in the Land Office as Sub-Section 1 of Section A of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 435. The assignment was made subject to a proviso for redemption of the premises on payment by the Company at the expiration of one Chinese year from the date of the mortgage, of the sum of \$9,000 with interest at the rate of \$10 per \$1,000 per Chinese lunar month.

His Lordship granted an extension of 14 days.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST A SIGNBOARD.

CHINESE MERCHANTS AT LAW.

An offending signboard was the cause of a Chinese merchant, Wong Kai Wo, taking action against the Pak Sang Tong firm, of No. 132, Bonham Strand East, at the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice P. Jacks.

The plaintiff, represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, claimed damages for trespass to the extent of \$100 on the ground that the defendant had wrongfully hung out a signboard on the wall of plaintiff's shop. Several requests had been made to the defendant to remove the sign, but he had failed to do so.

Defendant was not present in Court and after the case had been proved, his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs, and awarded him \$15 nominal damages.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of AUGUST, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1148	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1147, Cheung Sha Wan Road	As per sale plan	3,458	24	\$194

[6602]

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of AUGUST, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1149	Junction of On Yan Street and Nan Chung Street, Cheung Sha Wan Road	As per sale plan	5,000	38	\$100

[6603]

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of AUGUST, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1150	Junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Tai To Street	As per sale plan	4,887	34	\$104.25

[6604]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of AUGUST, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Trail, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1151	Junction of Mong Kok Trail and Road at Road	As per sale plan	1,470	132	\$1,507.50

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The Daily Press.

Howe Kow, August 16th, 1928.

THE NANKING SETTLEMENT.

This opinion expressed by the *Daily Telegraph* is that the Sino-British settlement of the Nanking incident is "not unsatisfactory." With that opinion, we think, most foreign residents in China will agree. The Nationalists, accept responsibility for the happenings at Nanking and "express profound regret at the indignities and injuries inflicted upon the official representatives of His Majesty's Government, for the loss of property sustained by the British Consulate and personal injuries and material damage done to British residents." They agree to the punishment of the guilty parties and specifically undertake that there will be no similar violence or agitation against British lives or legitimate interests. As regards compensation, the settlement is in similar terms of those accepted by the American Minister. Full compensation will therefore be paid for all personal and material damage done to the British

residents and their property, the amount of damage being assessed by a commission upon which both Chinese and British will be represented. Admittedly the action of the Chinese soldiery was unpardonable. British officials and others were subjected to terrible treatment, but it is difficult to see how redress could be made to cover a wider field than the foregoing apology with the punishment of those primarily guilty and the promise of compensation where compensation may be possible. On paper, the settlement meets the need of the situation as far as it can be met, and we are glad it has been signed for the issue had to be decided one way or another and our acquiescence in the constant postponements and evasions of the Chinese authorities was placing us in an undignified position. It seemed absurd that the British Minister should continue to discuss in Peking the question of friendly co-operation with China with officials who apparently were declining at the time to recognise any responsibility for a most wanton attack on a British Consulate.

Whether the settlement will be carried out conscientiously or whether it will lead ultimately to better relationship between our two countries are questions which, at the moment, it is very difficult to determine. The conduct of the fifth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang, from which so much was anticipated by the Chinese themselves, fills us with despair. These conferences appear merely to accentuate the differences between the political parties. In the first place it was impossible to form a quorum because members would not attend. When they were persuaded to put in an appearance they did not remain long. As soon as anything was proposed with which they did not agree they left in dudgeon; from the foreigners point of view the outstanding feature of the proceedings has been this coming and going of the delegates. It is farcical. Nothing practical has been done. There has been no suggestion of unity and the inevitable conclusion to which one is forced is that the unification of China will never be accomplished by these means. This is the conviction we have always held and the reports so far received of the "Plenary Sessions" strengthens it. When the politicians realise that the country is too large and too completely disorganised to be controlled by a small central committee; when they are willing to look facts in the face and recognise that for the time being a very large measure of autonomy must be openly and cheerfully granted to the provincial leaders it is possible that some progress may be made. Until then it seems likely that conferences, wherever held, will result in nothing but a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money.

The Nanking settlement has been signed by the recognised Ministers of the Nationalist Government. It may be carried into effect because the various parties will not interest themselves sufficiently to oppose it, but it can scarcely be regarded as a settlement by the Government of the Country, because the conference now in session proves conclusively once again that such Government, in any real sense of the term, does not exist.

Three cases of enteric (2 Chinese, 1 Indian), and one Chinese case of paratyphoid were reported on Tuesday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. E. J. J. Spradbery, No. 241, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Daisy Spradbery, who is en route to Hong Kong by the *s. Morea*, from England.

At the Kowloon Court, three Chinese were brought before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of keeping pigs without licences and with harbouring the animals in their dwellings. Defendants were each fined \$5.

For carrying 100 ducks in two crates, a Chinese was yesterday morning fined \$7 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. It was stated that one of the ducks had been trampled to death while others had their legs protruding from the bottom of the crates.

An Indian police constable was yesterday fined \$50 with the alternative of four weeks' hard labour by Major C. Willson, for misconducting himself as a police officer by attempting to obtain "squeeze" from hawkers in Connaught Road Central.

Mr. A. K. Henderson, vice-president of the St. Andrew's Society, was yesterday entertained to tiffin by the Society. Mr. Henderson is leaving the Colony on retirement to-morrow, and the tiffin was in the native of a farewell. He was presented with a silver quail suitably inscribed, and the chairman Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar made a brief speech expressing the good wishes of the St. Andrew's Society and the regret felt by all at Mr. Henderson's impending departure after 32 years in the Colony.

The Chinese Muslim Cultural & Fraternal Association of Hong Kong desire publicly to express their gratitude to Mr. N. M. Mamedally, manager of Messrs. Sang Kee, who has kindly consented to dispose of the premises at No. 7, Chan Tong Lee to the Association for religious and charitable purposes at a reduced price of \$8,000.00 net which is very much below the present market price—\$10,000.

The fourth of the 10,000 tons county-class cruisers is due here to-morrow from Home. She is the *H.M.S. Kent* and the other ships of the same class, the *Suffolk*, *Herwick*, and *Cumberland*, are already on the station. They each carry eight 8-inch guns.

The *Kent* is to relieve *H.M.S. Hawkins* as flagship of the Station. Another cruiser of a smaller class, *H.M.S. Castor*, is due here on Sunday. She will bring relief for ships on the Station.

It is stated that the *s. Hai Hong* formerly on the Hong Kong and Foochow run has been sold. The name of the purchaser has not been disclosed but it is believed that a Filipino firm has bought the vessel for service in the Philippine Islands.

The *s. Hai Hong* is a very well known vessel and prior to its purchase was owned by Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co. In addition to her usual runs between this port and the coast of Fukien, the *s. Hai Hong* has on several occasions been chartered to carry Chinese coolies to the Narou Islands in the Pacific just off the coast of Australia.

S.S. "Tangistan" Also Sold.
A further statement is to the effect that the two vessels belonging to Messrs. H.M.H. Nemaze & Co., *s. Gorgistan* and *s. Tangistan* have also been sold. However, the Company only confirm that the *Tangistan* has been sold to a Japanese Steamship Co. for the sum of \$10,100. The name of the purchaser was not disclosed, but a flat denial of the rumour regarding the *s. Gorgistan* was made by the firm's principal Mr. Nemaze.

£300,000 BABY RACE.

FORTUNE FOR PROLIFIC MOTHERHOOD.

CHARLIE MILLAR'S SWEEPSTAKE.

The proverbial stork, even when it brings twins or triplets, is to-day assured of an enthusiastic welcome in the province of Ontario, Canada, writes the *Daily Express*.

Proud fathers and happy mothers greet the arrival of "little strangers" with delight. The more the merrier, for the parents will then stand a better chance of winning "Charlie Millar's Sweepstake."

"Charlie Millar's Sweepstake" is the most unusual race ever imagined by human brain. The prize is approximately \$300,000 and the winner will be the Ontario woman who bears the largest number of children before a date in 1937.

Wealthy Lawyer.

The great race started eighteen months ago following the death of Charlie Millar, a wealthy Toronto lawyer. He was a man with a keen sense of humour and a shrewd legal brain. He amassed a fortune by his legal work, and died mourned and respected by a few close friends and a host of acquaintances.

They read his will, and the reading provided a bombshell. All the details were eccentric, but none created such a stir as the clause which started the great baby race. In a few words he laid down that the residue of his estate, about \$300,000, should accumulate for ten years. At the end of that time the money should be handed to the Ontario woman who was the mother of the greatest number of living babies. It is estimated that the lucky woman will receive approximately \$300,000.

Engaged couples who loved children hurried to the altar when the will was revealed. Women who presented their husbands with twins or triplets a few days after Mr. Millar's death were considered doubly blessed. They had gained a good start.

Catch-Phrase.
"Charlie Millar's Sweepstake" is to-day a catch-phrase throughout Canada.

"Charlie Millar was an eccentric bachelor," said a close personal friend of his to the *Daily Express* representative. "He was not a practical joker. He had a keen sense of humour, but even so it is hard to see what impelled him to leave so strange a will."

"One day he discussed his will with a near friend. The friend was naturally astonished when he heard the terms of it. They talked it over, and Mr. Millar decided to change it all. 'Do it now,' urged his friend. 'No,' said Charlie. 'To-morrow will do.' He died suddenly that night, and his eccentric will became valid."

Lawyers in Canada are keenly debating the possibilities of this strange legacy. There is no clause which rules out unmarried women from winning the "Sweepstake."

PRISONER WHO ATTACKED WARDER.

TIN MUG USED AS WEAPON.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY CAUSES ADJOURNMENT.

The Chinese prisoner who attacked an Indian warder on Sunday morning was again brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. The case, however, was again remanded owing to language difficulty. The prisoner speaks the Hainan dialect and an interpreter was not available.

A much battered tin mug of the kind which is issued to all prisoners was produced in Court and it was stated that the prisoner had used it as a weapon with which to batter the head of the warder.

The case will be heard again this morning.

SWEDISH PAPER.

USED BY JOURNALS OF 50 COUNTRIES.

Newspapers in about fifty different countries are now printed on Swedish newspaper, according to recent statistics published in Stockholm. During the past year the total export of Swedish newspaper amounted to a value of 41.5 million kroner. America bought 14.1 million kroner's worth and the export to Japan and British South Africa in 1927 rose by 1.2 and 1 million kroner respectively. Also the sales of newspaper from the Swedish mills to Australia, Irish Free State and the West Indies showed some increase.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. yesterday, state:—

A depression is situated to the North of Hong Kong.

The typhoon remains stationary to the south-east of Oshima.

Local forecast: South-west winds, moderate, fair.

GREAT WELSH FESTIVAL.

INDUSTRIAL SETTING OF EISTEDDOD.

PREMIER AND MR. LL. GEORGE TO ATTEND.

Three-day, Rhonda Valley.

The National Eisteddod of Wales will be held at Trochry, Rhonda Valley, Glamorganshire from August 6th to 11th inclusive in a setting that represents the industrial life of the Principality, says a London paper to hand. It is a tribute to the contributions to Welsh music and literature made by the miners of the valleys.

One of the few green spots in this wilderness of coal tips has been set aside for the Druidic circle and the huge pavilion which will hold 30,000 people.

Year by year the event increases in popularity, and despite acute industrial depression, its success this year is already assured, a record number of entries having been received for the music, arts and crafts, literary, drama, and children's competitions. A day has been set aside for "Young Wales," and a rally will be held of Rhonda school children in connection with the movement to check the Anglicisation of children.

Exile-Visitors.

The National Eisteddod has become the popular centre for Welsh pilgrims, and this year visitors from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are expected in record numbers.

The Anthracite Male Choir, Scranton, Pennsylvania, United States, will compete in the chief male voice competition, and with their president, Col. Wartres, and 600 Welsh-Americans are now on their way to Wales.

Col. Wartres, who is a notable figure in banking and political circles in America, is 78 years of age, and will be Seasonal President on August 10th, when the ceremony of welcome to the pilgrims will be the day's feature. This will be the first time for an American to be so honoured.

Sir Thomas Beecham is not only the chief adjudicator but will also conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in the orchestral concert on the evening of August 8th after the chief choral event, for which a prize of £200 is offered. The famous orchestra is engaged for the week to participate in the evening concert.

Choir Of 600.

For the concert a choir of 600 voices has been trained for Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius," Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," and "Elijah."

The choir has been coached by Mr. John Hughes, Mus.Bac., who started work in a Wrexham pit but later gained his degree at Aberystwyth. He is the youngest conductor in the history of the Eisteddod, and further tribute is paid to him by the inclusion of his part-song "Cwyn y Gwynt" in the chief choral test, the other composition for this prize being "Blest Pair of Sirens" (Sir Hubert Parry).

The usual ceremonies of chairing and crowning the winning bard will be conducted by members of the Gorsedd in the pavilion, and the Chief Druid, Redrog, will open the week's proceedings with the picturesque procession of bards to the Druidic circle which overlooks the pavilion on the mountain side.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, will preside on Wednesday, August 8th, and Mr. Lloyd George on August 9th.

Everything points to a most successful event, and upwards of 100,000 people are expected to attend during the week.

QUARANTINE FOR A GIRAFFE.

MENAGERIE FETE HELD UP.

There is desolation in the menagerie at the new Luna Park, the popular Paris pleasure ground at the entrance to the Bois de Boulogne.

The lions are morose, the tigers are quite snappy with exasperation, the sea lion has even wept, and the pelican has lost its appetite. For the opening fête to which they had all been looking forward has been postponed.

And this because of the failure of the giraffe to keep its appointment. The animal, to tell the truth, is hung up with certain odds and ends of the menagerie at the frontier.

It was always a bit of a problem this giraffe. The railway people looked askance at its long neck and said the thing would never go through the tunnels. It was found, however, that by inducing the animal to lie down in a special kind of truck its height came within the freight regulations and the way seemed clear. Then the veterinary authorities came along and said the beast must go into quarantine.

It was this news that plunged the menagerie into gloom. The pelican, it is understood, declared quite definitely that the show ought to go on without it.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL STATEMENT
CANCELLED.

CHANG HSUEH LIANG TO RESIGN?

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE TROOPS.

YEN HSI SHAN'S RETURN TO PEKING.

At the time of Baron Hayashi's conversations with General Chang Hsueh Liang, the Japanese Premier, Baron Tanaka, promised to issue a statement upon Japan's policy towards China. However, the Premier has now announced at a Cabinet meeting that the proposed statement will not be issued, as peace in Manchuria is ensured for the time being at any rate, owing to the postponement of the Mukden-Nanking compromise.

Chang Hsueh Liang is reported to have told Baron Hayashi that he is considering the question of resigning from the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Manchurian army, and entrusting his duties to the Committee of Public Safety. This body has notified the Japanese Consul-General that the Nationalist flag will be flown in Manchuria at the expiry of a period of three months.

Mr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has issued a reply to the last Japanese note on the treaty question. It is understood, however, that Japan refuses to consider any proposal for treaty revision until the Nationalists have recognised the validity of the existing treaty.

General Yen Hsi Shan has been advised that he will have recovered from his attack of appendicitis in another three weeks. He has announced his intention of returning to Peking to resume his duties.

STATEMENT ABANDONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Aug. 15th.

Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, the Premier formally announced his decision to give up his contemplated plan of issuing a statement on China policy, as, owing to the postponement of the Mukden-Nanking compromise, peace in Manchuria was ensured for the time being. He considered the statement was for this reason no longer necessary.

Though the Government has not yet received Nanking's second note, the Japanese authorities reiterate their refusal to listen to any Chinese proposal for treaty revision until the Nationalists acknowledge the validity of the existing Chinese treaty with Japan.

CHANG TO RESIGN?

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15th.

In a conversation with Baron Hayashi, Japanese Consul-General in Manchuria, General Chang Hsueh Liang hinted that he would resign the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Manchurian Army, entrusting his duties to the Committee for Public Safety of the Three Eastern Provinces.

MANCHURIAN FLAG QUESTION.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15th.

The Committee for Public Safety of the Three Eastern Provinces has notified the Japanese Consul-General to the effect that the Manchurian authorities have determined to fly the Nationalist flag after the lapse of three months. The Manchurian Government has reached a *de facto* rapprochement with the Nationalist Government.

A COMPROMISE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MUKDEN, Aug. 14th.

The recent critical situation brought about by the firm stand of the Japanese against reconciliation between Mukden and Nanking and the equally firm decision of the Chinese to carry it through, seems in a fair way to being amicably settled by a compromise.

It is reliably reported that through the mediation of the former Education Minister, Mr. Liu Che, who is now a member of the Three Eastern Provinces People's Council and an old acquaintance, as a Consul, with Baron Hayashi, an understanding was reached on the 11th instant, whereby the Provinces undertake not to hoist the Nationalist flag for a period of three months, at the end of which the Japanese agree not to interfere in any way whatever.

LAST MINUTE
REPRIEVE.

BRIGHTON FRONT MURDER.

DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN PRISON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 15th.

Only fourteen hours before three men, convicted of the murder of an elderly druggist named Smith on the Brighton front, were due to be executed, they were reprieved, and their sentences commuted to penal servitude for life.

This dramatic announcement created a greater public effect in view of an official intimation a few hours earlier that the Home Secretary declined to interfere with the death sentences.

The subsequent reprieve followed a visit Sir William Joynson-Hicks to Buckingham Palace, where he attended a meeting of the Privy Council and was received in audience by His Majesty.

One of the accused was taking his farewell of his relatives at Pentonville Prison, and the latter were on the point of departure when the Governor appeared bearing the joyously received news.

In the crime for which the accused were convicted they were found guilty of attacking Smith so savagely that when he managed to stagger home his wife did not recognise him and shut the door in his face. The agitation against the conviction was based on the contention that at least two of the accused were not present at the time of the attack.

THE OVERSEAS
DEMAND.POPULARITY OF BRITISH
CARS.

SALES IN DOMINIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROGEBY, August 14th.

The extent to which British motor-car manufacturers are penetrating the Dominion markets is shown in the overseas trade returns for July.

The number of touring cars shipped during the month was 1,346. Compared with the same month last year, New Zealand increased her orders from 25 to 151 cars, South Africa from 122 to 160 and the Irish Free State from 22 to 44. In addition, 640 complete light chassis were sent to Australia, compared with 268 in the corresponding month of 1927.

SIR THOMAS CATTO.

NEW DIRECTOR OF MERCANTILE
TILE BANK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 15th.

Sir Thomas Catto, managing director of Andrew Yule & Co., Ltd., Calcutta, and Yule, Catto & Co., Ltd., London, has been appointed Director of the Mercantile Bank of India in the place of Sir David Yule.

YANGTZE RIVER
DISASTER.

500 LIVES LOST.

ENGLISH MISSIONARY
ABOARD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A naval wireless message received in Hong Kong gives further details of the shipping disaster on the Yangtze, in which the Chinese steamer *Hsin Huiung*, whilst proceeding from Chungking to Ichang, foundered after striking a rock in the Rapids.

The message states that the vessel is reported to be a total loss, whilst the loss of life is said to be 500 people. It is feared that at least one English missionary was aboard the steamer when she sank.

AIR MINISTRY
"BOMBED."GREATER SUCCESS OF
DEFENDERS.

MANY CASUALTIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Aug. 15th.

The Air Ministry, the nerve centre of London's air defence, was theoretically "wrecked" by the air raiders.

The "Eastland" bombers have attacked the building on four occasions within the last thirty-six hours, and at least one "bomb" crashed on the roof before the invaders were repelled.

The great air attack on the metropolis continued "flat" night when hundreds of tons of "bombs" were dropped by the attackers, and in many cases they reached their objectives, which were Hackney, the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, Croydon and Wormwood Scrubs.

It is officially stated that there was less fighting over central London, as the defenders intercepted the raiders earlier than on the previous night.

Many raiders became casualties on the return journey.

PHILIPPINES CABINET
FORMED.MANUEL QUEZON'S
APPROVAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANILA, August 15th.

Governor-General Stimson has appointed a new Cabinet—the first complete Cabinet since the wholesale resignations during the political crisis of 1923.

The names of the Cabinet members have been cabled to Mr. Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines Senate, who has replied stating that they are satisfactory.

The Senate has therefore immediately confirmed the nominations.

DUTCH STEAMSHIP
CHARGES.BIG REDUCTIONS
ANNOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, August 14th.

It is announced that the Rotterdam-Lloyd and the Nederland Steamship Companies will shortly bring into force a new scale of fares, reducing the rates to Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

The decision has been taken as the result of severe foreign competition, especially by the German steamers.

The reduction which will be effective as from September 1st, varies between 2½ per cent. and 5 per cent. to Batavia and ten guilders to Singapore. The reduction on the return fare within a year will be increased to 25 per cent.

FAINT HEARTED BANDITS.

CONSEQUENCES TOO GREAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BAGHDAD, August 14th.

The somewhat amusing sequel of the daring bandit raid on the Iraqi mail train on Saturday, when the mail car was ambushed and captured ten miles on the Iraqi side of the Syrian border, was the arrival of the mail at Damascus to-day.

Nothing was missing and the explanation given by the driver of the van is that the bandits, overawed at the gravity of stealing the British mail, and fearing the possible consequences if they took this action, ordered the driver of the van to continue his journey to Syria.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

RATIFICATION BY JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, August 14th.

Japan has ratified the International Opium Convention of 1925, which will shortly come into force, the requisite number of ratifications having now been obtained.

REBELS ATTACK
POLICE.

GALLANT DEFENCE OF POST.

OUTLAW CHIEF ACTIVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Khartoum, August 14th.

The notorious Kurjur witch-doctor Chief, Gwek, who has been a fugitive from justice since the murder of Captain Ferguson, the British District Commissioner last year, has allied himself with an other witch-doctor named Kur and a Chief named Dauldin, and at the head of approximately 1,500 Nuer tribesmen has raided a number of villages in the Dukfadiat District.

The daring raiders drove off the cattle and mercilessly slaughtered numbers of the villagers.

Subsequently they attacked the Government Post at Dukfaywil, but were repulsed with heavy losses, leaving over 48 dead in front of the post.

The Police were safely entrenched and suffered no casualties, while the post was not damaged.

Reinforcements including a British officer and fifty men have been sent to the area.

Gallant Defence.

The Government Post at Dukfaywil was gallantly defended by a small body of Police under a native N.C.O.

The raiders, who included at least 100 Nuer, armed with rifles, retreated in disorder to the southward after suffering severe losses.

They are heading for Nasser, to which a British officer and fifty men of the Equatorial Corps have been sent as a precautionary measure.

No offensive operations are likely to be undertaken against the raiders at the present moment owing to the floods.

FARMS FOR 6D. AN ACRE.

N.S. WALES MAKES A
COUNTRYSIDE.WATER FROM 70ft. HIGH
RESERVOIR.

[SYDNEY, N.S.W.]

In the south of New South Wales, near the border of Victoria, there are 207,500 acres of Crown land which has been pronounced by experts as suitable for grazing and wheat growing.

The area was suffering from the fact that in spite of the vicinity of the River Murray it has been practically waterless. But the Government of New South Wales is in process of making it available for settlement, and to that end an irrigation scheme is being carried out.

Already the allotment of 52 farms, varying from 1,000 to 1,500 acres in size, in the first sub-division of the area—a matter of some 67,000 acres—is approaching completion, and from more than 300 individual applicants a board is selecting what it regards as the most suitable man for each block.

Rent And Water Is A Year.

As they become available for use other sub-divisions will be allocated in the same way till the whole of 207,500 acres is put into use.

The tenure is leasehold, terminating in 1943, but renewable, and the annual rentals will range from 5d. to 6d. an acre. The lessee will be expected to fence his boundary within a year and to construct a tank or dam.

Within two years he must have not less than 100 acres under cultivation, and he must add at least 80 acres to this every year until half the area has been cultivated. The rest of the land can be adapted for grazing.

A water trust is to be created, and this will take over the whole of the works, operate them, and make provision for upkeep and possible extensions. It will also levy charges for water, but it is not expected that any settler will be called on to pay more than 1s. an acre a year for rent and water rate combined.

New Railway Line.

A lock has been constructed at Euston, on the Murray, and this will ensure a steady supply of water at all seasons. An intake channel has been run from the river to a pumping station, from which the water is lifted 70ft. to a receiving basin, whence it will be distributed by gravity all over the area.

The engineering difficulties are few, and the cost, therefore, relatively small. In consequence the settlers will not be burdened with heavy liabilities due to expensive construction work.

A feature of this very promising scheme is that the Government of Victoria has agreed to extend the existing railway from Euston across the Murray and on through the new settlement, and the necessary bridge has already been built.

TRACES OF POISON
DISCOVERED.LOEWENSTEIN'S BODY
EXAMINED.WHO WILL HOLD THE
INQUIRY?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Boulogne, August 14th.

A fresh and startling development has arisen in connection with the tragic death of Captain Alfred Loewenstein, the Belgian millionaire financier, adding further confusion to the mystery.

The body was found practically nude, floating in the English Channel about a month ago, many days after he was reported to have fallen from his aeroplane from a height of 4,000 feet.

It is now revealed that acting on the request of Captain Loewenstein's two brothers-in-law, a well-known Paris analyst examined the remains, and has reported that he has found traces of toxic matter in the intestines.

The authorities are satisfied that a judicial enquiry must be held to determine how the poison was administered, but the question has arisen as to whether the enquiry should be held by the authorities at Boulogne, where the body was brought in, by the Brussels authorities, who first took up the case, or by the authorities in England, from which Captain Loewenstein embarked on his last tragic flight.

The question will probably be settled through diplomatic channels.

Explanation Suggested.

The Magistrate of Parquet, who ordered the examination of Loewenstein's remains, has given a possible explanation of the discovery of traces of poison in the body. He points out that Captain Loewenstein habitually took frequent purgatives, often over-doses, which produce abnormal toxic matter in the organs.

which were pegged into the granite piers supporting the transverse steel girders of the South Manchuria Railway viaduct.

Figures On The Bridge.

Mr. Putnam Weale points out that the tragedy occurred on the 17th day of the lunar month, when night visibility was good. He states that he interviewed Chinese at a lumber yard situated less than a hundred yards from the bridge, who stated that on the fatal night they saw figures moving about the bridge. These, says Mr. Putnam Weale, must have been seen by the Japanese sentries of the South Manchuria Railway.

"The crime was the work of bad men, and certain people in the Japanese Army facilitated their work," says Mr. Putnam Weale. He added: "There have long been in Japan organisations similar to the Serbian organisation which carried out the Sarajevo crime; for instance, the Black Dragon Society which specialises in Chinese affairs, which organizes the Twenty-One Demands and which notoriously employs men of the *goshi* (hooligan) class, such as were deported by the Japanese civil authorities from Mukden after the murder."

Suspicious Happenings.

Mr. Putnam Weale went on to say: "Many curious things are coming to light. It is alleged that the Ford car which conveyed Chang Tso Lin from the wrecked express had been waiting three hundred yards from the scene, while a Chinese servant testified to me that a prominent official living two miles from the scene rose at dawn on June 4th and remained on the roof of his residence, with binoculars fixed on the bridge until the explosion."

"After the explosion, none of the things expected occurred. There was no revolt of Chinese troops, no disorders and no collapse, the Chinese meeting the situation with caution."

General Chang Hsueh Liang entered Mukden disguised as a common soldier in a troop train, and although he is almost overcome by the task confronting him, he is not faltering."

Who Killed Our Father?

"Chang Tso Lin's younger sons are going from one foreign friend to another, asking 'Who killed our father?' but they receive no reply. 'That the Japanese Government, as in 1905 in Korea, will ultimately feel called upon to defend itself against the charge of complicity in ordering all suspected persons to be arrested and tried, is the belief of those who have seen how strong is the evidence in the very stones of the South Manchuria Railway,' concluded Mr. Putnam Weale."

Mr. Putnam Weale is to-morrow heading for Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister in Peking, a statement similar to the foregoing.

ASSASSINATION OF
CHANG TSO LIN.

MR. PUTNAM WEALE'S VIEW.

JAPANESE SECRET
SOCIETY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Mr. Putnam Weale, the well-known authority on Far Eastern politics, who has been in Mukden attending the late Marshal Chang Tso Lin's funeral ceremonies, gave a startling version of the latter's assassination, when interviewed by *Reuter* to-day.

After making close investigations on the spot, Mr. Putnam Weale asserted his belief that the murder was committed by a Japanese Secret Society, whose work was facilitated by certain people in the Japanese Army.

Railway Schemes.

Mr. Putnam Weale opened the interview with a remark that the situation in Manchuria was fraught with many possibilities. He said the conversations between Baron Hayashi and General Chang Hsueh Liang had been kept secret, but there was reason to believe that they were directed towards terminating the relations between Mukden and Nanking, and to the securing of a new railway scheme which was projected early this year, and which was initiated in Peking before Chang Tso Lin's departure, but has so far not been ratified by the Government of Manchuria.

It is the belief of Mr. Putnam Weale that the quarrels between Mukden and Japan have centred on this railway question and a masked struggle concerning new railways which the Chinese have built or are building in Manchuria.

Sphere Of Control.

Mr. Putnam Weale remarked that if, as the Japanese desired, these railways were consolidated with the South Manchuria railway system, it would establish Japanese paramountcy in North Manchuria, as securely as in South Manchuria, but the Chinese have not ratified the agreement and their railways now tap the rich grain-bearing areas of North Manchuria and run to the seaboard.

Mr. Putnam Weale asserts that Japan's desire to obtain paramountcy in North as well as South Manchuria is the explanation of the constant statement that she is willing to give up extraterritoriality in Manchuria as an experiment. "Obviously," he says, "if the entire region beyond the Great Wall is under the effective control of the Chartered Company, the relinquishment of so-called judicial rights would be an illusory gain to Chinese territorial administration."

Breach Widens.

Referring to the compromise between the Nationalist Government and Manchuria, Mr. Putnam Weale states that it was arranged to hoist the Nationalist flag at Mukden on the 10th instant, but on the previous day General Chang Hsueh Liang received a fresh definite warning from Japan that such action would be construed as a highly unfriendly act. He adds that "as there were 7,000 Japanese troops at the gates of Mukden, the Manchurian authorities were forced to break their definite undertaking with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek."

Mr. Putnam Weale asserts that after the outbreak of General Yang Yu Ting, Chief of Staff of the late Marshal Chang Tso Lin, against the proposed Morgan Loan and the refusal of Manchuria to ratify the railway scheme agreement, the breach between Mukden and Tokyo widened.

Not Fortuitous.

"Therefore," said Mr. Putnam Weale, "Chang Tso Lin made a peace offer on May 9th which Japan countered with her advice to evacuate Peking before it is too late." Mr. Putnam Weale added: "Chang Tso Lin's assassination on June 4th was not a fortuitous event, but it followed a logical sequence."

Mr. Putnam Weale asserts that he has seen an unpublished report of the Sino-Japanese official investigation of the Chang Tso Lin outrage which contains "one strange revelation. It stated that the Japanese Military Command consented to Chinese gendarmes patrolling the Peking-Mukden Railway at the bridge where the tragedy occurred, but in the following paragraph the Chinese investigators state that the permission was vetoed by the higher Japanese Command, the Chinese gendarmes being kept 300 metres from the fatal bridge."

Independent foreign investigations by explosives experts have established almost conclusively, says Mr. Putnam Weale, that the train was destroyed by dynamite, probably numbering twelve charges, each of more than eight pounds. (Continued at foot of previous column.)

TENNIS NOTES.

There is no doubt now among tennis enthusiasts locally that the Chinese Recreation Club will win the "C" Division. On Saturday both their first and second teams were engaged and emerged victorious. They then had played an equal number of matches all of which they had won, but since then the first team has added another point by beating the South China Athletic Association, a report of the match appears elsewhere in this issue.

As a result of this match the first team occupies the leading place in the League Table displacing their compatriots who stayed there for quite a long time this season. The positions to date are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. II	12	0	12	
Chinese R.C. I	11	0	11	
Recreio II	10	1	10	
Kowloon C.C.	7	3	7	
South China A.A.	6	3	6	
Hong Kong C.C.	6	3	6	
Civil Service	6	3	6	
Recreio I	6	3	6	
Kennedy Road M.Q.	4	4	4	
R.A.O.C.	4	4	4	
N.A.M.C.	4	4	4	
Nippon Club	3	2	3	
Y.M.C.A.	2	0	2	
Indian R.C.	1	1	1	
Kowloon Indians	0	0	0	

The end of the struggle is not far off. The second team has only two more matches to play and the first has three, but it is interesting to note that the two have not met, and must, of course, play each other to decide which is the better. The Chinese Recreation Club, however, arranged to complete their programme by the end of next week, and have already arranged for their remaining matches to be decided in mid-week, with the exception of the one between their first and second which will probably be played on Saturday, the 25th.

Recreio II are now favourites for the third place in the League Table. They have so far lost one match only, but are pretty sure to lose another, having to meet the Chinese Recreation Club I. With two points down they will still be in a favourable position, as both the Kowloon Cricket Club and the South China Athletic Association have lost three points each. The Recrio will have to meet the latter, but on form should win, while it is not expected that any of their remaining opponents will be able to beat them.

Apart from the spectacular performances of the leaders, even struggles took place in the other matches on Saturday. They were all in the "C" Division, as no match in the other Divisions was played. The closest struggle was that between the R.A.O.C. and R.A.M.C. which ended in a win for the latter by 3 games only. The result was somewhat surprising as on form the R.A.O.C. appeared to be better and were expected to win. Major R. T. Cox and Staff-Sergt. Sims, however, practically forced a win for the medical side by taking 24 games.

Individual performances also played a great part in the other matches. By beating the Nippon Club by 5 games only, the Club de Recrio I. were helped by a contribution of 20 games by M. Oliveira and A. E. Ribeiro. Their two other pairs who secured 18 games each, however, finished well. C. H. Atkin and K. A. Carstenson's effort of 22 games mainly enabled the Kowloon Cricket Club to beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 9 games, while Hedley and Pile who scored 23 games for Y.M.C.A. did their Club a good turn against the Indian Recreation Club whom they beat by 5 games. In this match Faers and Ponsford, also of the Y.M.C.A., had a big total of 20 games, as Trambitzky and Stauderson failed badly, making 9 games only.

The remaining match in the "A" Division between the Orangehow and the University has yet to be arranged and played. While it will not affect the League, it will complete the programme and at the same time decide which should occupy the bottom position. In the "B" Division, the South China Athletic Association have arranged to play Nippon Club on Friday.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

"C" DIVISION.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

On their opponents' courts at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Chinese Recreation Club I. beat the South China Athletic Association by the comfortable margin of 39 games, winning all nine sets.

Scores:—
Ma Chiu Chong and Ng Shu Kwun (S.C.A.A.)
lost to Cheng Chi Wing and Chau Wah Po 4-7
lost to Lau Man Kwong and Chiu Tam Chiu 3-8
lost to Ip Kau and Lo Man Hin 3-8

Chan Chun Sang and Ko Cho Wang (S.C.A.A.)
lost to Cheng Chi Wing and Chau Wah Po 2-9
lost to Lau Man Kwong and Chiu Tam Chiu 3-8
lost to Ip Kau and Lo Man Hin 4-7

Cho Chung Yan and Tsang Chung Nid (S.C.A.A.)
lost to Cheng Chi Wing and Chau Wah Po 3-8
lost to Lau Man Kwong and Chiu Tam Chiu 4-7
lost to Ip Kau and Lo Man Hin 4-7

Total:—S.C.A.A. 39; Chinese R.C. 69.

INTER-VARSITY TENNIS.

CAMBRIDGE WIN THE DOUBLES.

DISAPPOINTING PLAY.

Cambridge (L. D. Cambridge and C. N. M. Baker) beat Oxford (P. V. F. Cazalet and M. Wordsworth) in the Inter-University tennis match at Lord's by 3 sets to 1 (6/5, 6/5, 4/6, 6/5).

Cambridge had won them their Singles matches easily enough when a man called "Cambridge" is first string for his University it is difficult not to mix up the man with the University—and the Doubles should have been a foregone conclusion. As the match turned out, it was nothing of the sort, and some of the curious luck which can follow a match at tennis might even have brought out Oxford as the winners.

The match was rather disappointing on the whole. Cambridge was very patchy in its play, occasionally playing brilliant strokes, but too often playing bad ones. Baker was a good deal below the form that his play in Singles had promised. Baker could not, or would not, keep his head down, and for this reason put far too many balls in the net. Cazalet has tried to drive four mules—remember Kipling—cricket, tennis, rackets, and squash rackets for Oxford, and they have proved too much for him. In time he will become a real tennis player, but at present squash rackets enters too largely into his stroke at the game. Wordsworth played up to the top of his possibilities of the present moment, and took great pains over his service.

Cambridge won the first game of the first set and Oxford the second. Cambridge took the third to 30 and Oxford the fourth after, deuce. Cambridge won the next two games to 30. The seventh was most important. "Deuce" was called twice and Oxford were twice within a point of the game. Cambridge pulled it out of the fire, however, and led 5/3. The next three games went to Oxford, though in the ninth game Cambridge were once within a stroke of the set. The final game was most exciting. Cambridge were three times within a point of winning it, and finally did win it with a nick from a contribution of 20 games by M. Oliveira and A. E. Ribeiro. Their two other pairs who secured 18 games each, however, finished well. C. H. Atkin and K. A. Carstenson's effort of 22 games mainly enabled the Kowloon Cricket Club to beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 9 games, while Hedley and Pile who scored 23 games for Y.M.C.A. did their Club a good turn against the Indian Recreation Club whom they beat by 5 games. In this match Faers and Ponsford, also of the Y.M.C.A., had a big total of 20 games, as Trambitzky and Stauderson failed badly, making 9 games only.

Cazalet scored in the next game with a nick from his American service, and Oxford finally won that game. They were on the service side at the beginning of the eleventh game, and won the first set, but Cambridge, in the end, won that game to 30, and so the set. Oxford led 2/0 in the third set, Cambridge 3/2. Oxford went ahead again at 4/3, but Cambridge pulled up to 4/4. Oxford played very well together to win the next two games to 30 and 15, but the match was not yet over. Cambridge led by four games to one in the fourth set. Then, for the time being, they went to pieces as a pair. Oxford won the next four games and became five games to four. Cambridge came again, however, to win the last two games to 15 and love, and so the set and match.

The form of the Universities of the last year has been so good that the spectators were rather disappointed; but their expectations were unreasonably high.

LOCAL AQUATICS.

ROYAL NAVY NIGHT FETE.

GOOD SPORT EXPECTED.

After a very long interval Hong Kong will have an opportunity of seeing a Royal Navy night fete. One has been arranged to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Tuesday, the 21st inst., commencing at 9 p.m., when an excellent evening's sport is expected.

Tuesday next has specially been chosen because a good many of the ships in the China Station are expected to be in harbour, and an interesting arrival that day will be H.M.S. Kent, the new flagship.

A splendid programme has been drawn up and includes no less than three team races and a water polo match. In all there will be six events and though at first it appears to be a short programme, the large number of entries expected will provide a full evening's competition.

The programme follows:—
1.—Invitation Team Race—8 men from each ship or unit (four teams), 3 lengths each men.
2.—Navy Team Race—4 men from each ship, 2 lengths each man.
3.—100 Yards Free Style Scratch Race—Open to men of the Royal Navy.
4.—250 Yards Free Style Scratch Race—Open to officers and men of the Royal Navy.
5.—Team Race—Open to V.R.C. members.
6.—Water Polo Match (League match). Royal Navy v. Queen's Regt.

Hidden Talent.

A great deal of interest is being centred on the event and the men of the Royal Navy are eagerly looking forward to it. The Navy men have not so far shown up very well in aquatics this season and a great deal of speculation is prevalent at the present time as to likely "dark horses." This is augmented by the expected arrival of H.M.S. Kent whose men will be strangers to the Colony.

The 100 yards and 250 yards scratch will be very interesting. Large entries are expected in both and as the Victoria Recreation Bath can accommodate at most six swimmers at a time, both events will probably be divided into heats and finals. The water polo match between the Royal Navy and the Queen's Regiment, which will be a League tie has been fixed for the 18th to add further interest to the occasion.

But the team races will be the great attractions of the evening and it has been arranged that four teams representing the Kent, Berwick, Castor, Tamar and other ships will compete.

Team races are always attractive events, and with a large attendance to cheer on their ship mates a really good struggle is expected.

Dancing will follow the sports.

WATER POLO.

EVEN PLAY YESTERDAY.

CLUB BEAT QUEEN'S REGT.

In the second match of the Water Polo League played yesterday at the Victoria Recreation Club camber, the Club "B" team beat the Queen's Regiment by 3 goals to 1. The sides were evenly matched and the ball was most of the time in mid-tank where many even exchanges were seen.

Nippy play on the part of the Club men accounted for their success. They were the first to score, Victor putting the ball through three minutes from the start. The Military men struggled hard to equalise and succeeded in doing so, half time being called with the score at one all. Better play was seen in the second half. Both sides combined well, but on the whole the Club men had the upper hand. Gittins put the Club ahead with a high shot and added another soon after.

On Tuesday the postponed match between the Victoria Recreation Club "A" and the K.O.S.B. was decided and resulted in a win for the former by two goals to nil.

INTERPORT BASE-BALL.

SHANGHAI DEFEATS HONG KONG.

HOME TEAM'S POOR DISPLAY.

Thousands of Chinese turned up at the Happy Valley diamond to watch the interport-baseball game between Shanghai and Hong Kong, which was played under ideal weather conditions yesterday afternoon.

The home team lost the game by 6 runs to 2. The play on the whole was nothing out of the ordinary, neither team giving at all a spectacular display. Hong Kong's line up was bad. Zafra pitched four innings for Hong Kong and allowed only two runs, but when Henson took over the pill Shanghai added another four runs and walked home with the bacon.

The Shanghai team will play the U.S. Navy to-morrow.

The following were the line-ups and scores:—
Shanghai: r.f. Owen Hughes, Char 2b. Sling, Loo 1.f. Mucio, Tsouy. c. Zafra, Liu. p. Hachuma, Kim. s.s. Murata, Chang 1b. T. Leonard, Chen 3b. Proulx, Woo c.f. Kusano.
Hong Kong: r.f. Owen Hughes, Char 2b. Sling, Loo 1.f. Mucio, Tsouy. c. Zafra, Liu. p. Hachuma, Kim. s.s. Murata, Chang 1b. T. Leonard, Chen 3b. Proulx, Woo c.f. Kusano.

SCORES BY INNINGS.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total.
Hong Kong .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Shanghai .. 2 0 0 3 1 0 0 6

BRAINS AND SPORT.

COMPARATIVE VALUE IN BUSINESS.

HULME HEAD MASTER AND O.T.C.'s.

At the annual speech-day of the Hulme Grammar School, on July 23rd—the head master, Mr. Trevor Dennis, alluded to his report to the importance of games. In the last few days, he said, he had talked with "business" men, who, while of course, they said they wanted boys with brains, gave him the idea that brains did not always receive the value in money that they were entitled to. What they wanted above all was boys who would get their business, and to do that, they said, the most important thing was to be friendly and sociable and join in clubs and games in all possible directions. They estimated that particular capacity at something like twelve times the money-making value of sheer brains.

Mr. Dennis went on to speak of correspondence in the press on the question of school corps. The matter, he said, had been looked at from all sorts of points of view, but no one had ever dealt with it from the point of view of the school itself. A corps gave a non-athletic boy a chance to assert himself in a proper way outside the form room, and they found, as Professor Gilbert Murray had said, that it was not the worst boys who joined the corps—not the lazy boys nor the selfish boys—and it did give masters and boys a chance of devoted service to the school. Another point was that some of the writers of these letters were very shy of compulsion—not so much from the school itself as from the boys in the school, that the boys made it very difficult for newcomers to the school to do this or not to do that. Personally, if public feeling in a school was strong enough to influence the new boys thus, it seemed to him about the best thing one could say about a school. In fact, he should regard it as a very near definition what a public school was. The Bishop of Middlesex, who distributed lay-prizes, said that his own experience of these officers' training corps assured him that some of the dangers feared by their critics were not very real in most cases. He was quite sure that if there were no such things as our O.T.C.'s we should have to invent something to take their place, and he ventured to suggest to those who, quite sincerely and in the public interest, had raised certain matters of criticism, that it would be a very great help to all concerned if they would endeavour to construct some form of corps to take the place in a school of what the O.T.C. was trying to do and which would be as successful as the officers' training corps were in producing those qualities of self-sacrifice for the public and other excellent traits to which Mr. Dennis had referred. "I think part of the hold-up which has so disappointed us since the war ended in this matter of progress in securing peace," continued Dr. Parsons, "has been due to the entire misconception that few men, lines, courage and self-sacrifice are needed for the cause of peace than for the cause of war."

COUNTY CRICKET.

AMES CREATES A RECORD.

GRESWELL'S GREAT BOWLING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Aug. 14th.
Sussex v. Kent.

Playing against Sussex, Ames, the Kent wicket-keeper, to-day brought the number of his victims caught and stumped during the season to 103. This beat the previous record of 102, which was made by Huish (Kent) in 1913.

Kent beat Sussex on the first innings.

Sussex 405 (H. Parks 158 not out, Arthur Gilligan 104) and 390 for 7 wickets (Dulseppahji 107).

Kent 419 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed (J. Bryan 109, Woolley 120).

Yorkshire v. Warwickshire.

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire on the first innings.

Warwickshire 244 (Robinson 6 for 57) and 81 for 2 wickets.

Yorkshire 540 for 7 wickets, innings declared closed (Holmes 275).

Somerset v. Hampshire.

Somerset beat Hampshire on the first innings.

Somerset 288 (Judd 6 for 65) and 152 for 7 wickets, innings declared closed.

Hampshire 151 (Greswell 9 for 62).

Essex v. Gloucestershire.

Match drawn owing to rain. Gloucestershire 318.

Essex 177 for 2 wickets.

Middlesex v. Notts.

Middlesex beat Notts on the first innings.

Notts 217 (Enthoven 5 for 39) and 243 (Robins 5 for 59).

Middlesex 318 and 61 for 4 wickets.

Northants v. Worcester.

Northants beat Worcester by an innings and 54 runs.

Worcester 110 and 223 (Jupp 7 for 113).

Northants 387.

Surrey v. Glamorgan.

Surrey beat Glamorgan on the first innings.

Glamorgan 331 and 199 for 4 wickets.

Surrey 533 for 7 wickets, innings declared closed (Sandham 248 not out).

Derbyshire v. Leicestershire.

Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by 242 runs.

Derbyshire 833 and 230 for 5 wickets, innings declared closed (Lee 107 not out).

Leicestershire 506 (Lee 5 for 31) and 105 (Worthington 5 for 59).

EMPIRE WOMEN ATHLETES.

TRIUMPH AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

FRANCE AND GERMANY BEATEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Aug. 14th.

In the International Women's Athletic Meeting at Stamford Bridge to-day, which took the form of a triangular contest between the British Empire, Germany and France, the British Empire team triumphed, scoring 50 points, as against 41 points by Germany and 15 by France.

The outstanding performances were accomplished in the Putting the Shot Competition and the Hurdles, in both of which new world records were set up.

The Putting the Shot was won by Fraulein Houblein (Germany) who accomplished a distance of 38 feet 5 inches, easily a world record.

Miss M. Clark (South Africa) beat all previous times in the Hundred Yards Invitation Hurdles, in gaining first place in 13.45 seconds.

SULTAN'S SHOPPING.

SILK STOCKINGS FOR HAREM.

Paris, July 24th.

Moulay Mohamed, the 18-years-old Sultan of Morocco, who is visiting Paris incognito, spent most of this afternoon shopping. He bought a large quantity of silk stockings for the women of the harem and stocks for his brothers.

Parisians have been asked not to follow the Sultan about or stare at him. When he went for a walk followed by his escort, a giant sergeant of his famous Black Guard, nobody paid any attention to him.

TRANCE MEDIUM TO PAY COSTS.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE AND SIR O. LODGE.

EVIDENCE ON OBJECTS OF SPIRITUALISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, July 23th.

Mr. Oulton, the magistrate at Westminster Police Court, yesterday dismissed, under the Probation of Offenders Act, the summonses against Mrs. Clare Cantlon and Miss Mary Phillimore, the former for professing to tell fortunes and the latter for aiding and abetting. In his opinion both defendants were guilty, and he ordered them to pay costs.

Mrs. Cantlon was engaged as a medium by the London Spiritualist Alliance, Ltd., of Queensberry-place, South Kensington, S.W. Miss Phillimore is secretary of the alliance.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge were among the witnesses.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, president of the alliance, said that the alliance was formed without any idea of profit.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. (for Miss Phillimore): Am I right in saying that this association is largely concerned in studying the causes, facts and possibilities of receiving messages from the dead?—That, among other things, would be a fair statement.

For the purpose of the study is it necessary and desirable to have the services of persons known as mediums?—It is quite essential.

In some cases these media get into a state of trance?—Undoubtedly.

Have you any doubt in your own mind that there are some mediums that are absolutely genuine?—I have no doubt at all.

"Death Does Not End All."

Is there anything in this alliance which is concerned with fortune telling?—No.

What is the purpose of sitting with a medium and what is it hoped to achieve thereby?—One purpose is to refute the idea that death ends all. We wish to strengthen what we regard as the central core of religion, which is that man carries on after death.

Sir Arthur added that another purpose was to get in touch with those we had loved and who had passed over to the other side.

Mr. H. D. Roome (cross-examining): Do you consider that Mrs. Cantlon was in a genuine state of trance at these sittings?—It is impossible for me to answer a question like that unless I was present.

Miss Cantlon and Morse.

Have you taken any step yourself to ascertain whether she is a fit and proper person to be a medium?—Yes, I did immediately.

Since this case started?—Yes. The result, he added, was very reassuring.

Captain Crawford, of the Royal Navy, had told him of some very remarkable results of Morse's transmission, a subject about which Mrs. Cantlon knew nothing.

Mr. Roome asked if Sir Arthur could give any reason why if a police spy went to a sitting the spirit should not break up the sitting at once.

Sir Arthur said that the laws governing such things were very much beyond our comprehension. There would be such discrepancy that anything might happen.

Sir O. Lodge.

Sir Oliver Lodge was the next witness. He was not a member of the alliance, he said, but he had been a member of a society for psychic research since 1882.

Sir Patrick Hastings: The society is inquiring into the phenomenon generally known as spiritualism?—Popularly known by that term.

You have always approached this matter from a perfectly scientific point of view?—From that alone.

This science necessitates the use of media?—In my own case it does, because I have no power myself.

From your own scientific experience are you satisfied there are media who are perfectly genuine in the work they do?—There certainly are. There are others also.

As far as the duties of the media are concerned, are they any more than to transmit the messages received?—It is a kind of human faculty we do not understand, but which we are trying to investigate.

The Society for Psychical Research was founded to investigate supernatural human faculties, whatever they may be. Media are instruments for the purpose of the study.

Is it any part of the task of a medium to tell fortunes?—The popular idea about fortune-telling is looked upon by us as an absurd procedure.

War Foretold.

Dr. Hector Munro, in answer to questions by Mr. Eustace Fulton (also representing Miss Phillimore), said that fortune-telling was no part of the business of spiritualism.

Have you ever had your fortune told?—One future event in my life has been foretold.

Was it true?—Absolutely true.

Dr. Munro said that the Great War was foretold to him by a medium a month before it happened.

Mr. Fulton: Did you believe it?—No, I did not.

If you had believed it you might have let the War Office know?—Yes. Miss Phillimore, in the witness-box, said that they had never arranged sittings for a person who came to have the future foretold.

If media were unable to get into a trance the sitting was cancelled and the money returned to the sitters.

Mrs. Cantlon Dismissed.

Mr. Roome: Has Mrs. Cantlon been dismissed from the services of the Alliance?—She has.

Was that because she told fortunes?—No, it was as a consequence of incidents which have arisen since this case commenced.

Is it in consequence of incidents arising out of mediumship that she has been dismissed?—Yes.

Has she been tested on behalf of the Alliance?—Yes.

Is it in consequence of that test that she has been dismissed?—Partly.

Mr. Oulton, the magistrate, said his mind had been changed by the evidence he had heard. The history of spiritualism was tarnished by fraud, but he had a perfectly open mind.

There was no dispute as to the substantial accuracy of the police witnesses, and he was of the opinion that both Mrs. Cantlon and Miss Phillimore were guilty. He added:

I give Mrs. Cantlon the benefit of the doubt in my mind, and I assume that on these three occasions she did believe she was under the control of this Chief, his black dog, and his white rabbits, and other things that belonged to him.

But I should strongly advise her to get rid of a disembodied spirit who wants to know the time for lunch and tea.

The charges in both cases would be dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, and of the costs, amounting to £30, Miss Phillimore must pay £20 and Mrs. Cantlon £10.

Mr. Oulton's reference to the "Chief" concerned the North American Indian "White Chief" who, Mrs. Cantlon said, was her "control." He lived 400 years ago.

THE TWO PRINCIPAL WITNESSES.

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GERMANY'S CULT OF THE NUDE.

CLOTHES AS A BARRIER TO HEALTH.

THE MOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW.

Berlin, July 10th.

German statisticians, who have been very busy during the heat-wave, announce that the Americanisation of Berlin and of other big cities is progressing at an even quicker rate than was believed, since the consumption of ice-cream is so enormously on the increase. The popularity of soft drinks, as compared with beer, is increasing at nothing like the same rate.

Germans themselves are now pointing out that surely in no country in Europe can so much freedom and so much prejudice exist side by side; the rigidity of pre-war traditions is as interesting a study to-day as the complete freedom granted by the Republic to the most modern methods of keeping cool. The cult of complete nudity, which has an officially recognised and legally authorised organisation, is on the increase in Germany. From two to three hundred thousand people acknowledge this as their ideal. This is no mere hot-weather affair, although it has naturally come up for discussion more often of late than during the months when people were trying to keep warm after the official day for heating tenement houses by radiators had passed. It is an attempt to create a healthy mind in a healthy body by bringing up boys and girls to recognise clothes and the sciences they stand for, as dispensable adjuncts to all who have hardened themselves to bear a northern climate.

Belted in Bathing.

As the young must be guided by example as well as precept, it follows that their fathers and mothers set the example. Membership of the "Friends of Nature" League gives these families the right to join others of like ideas in one of the growing number of enclosures set apart for their use along the wooded and sandy shores of the many lakes that surround Berlin on all sides. There are also a number of these sections of shore set apart for the cult of the Baltic coast. The "Friends of Nature" are not entirely aquatic, but constant bathing, which implies a more or less amphibious life, is believed to be the nearest approach to the primitive state of culture in which all men were healthy and happy. Every now and then, when a boat passes close to the shore on which one of these enclosures is located, holiday-makers from Berlin on the lake are startled by a group of naked men, women, and children playing games, drilling, basking in the sun, or going about normal occupations.

They, too, must be considered on holiday, as it is of course impossible for them to practice their cult in everyday life. But the fact that the most frequented and expensive swimming-bath of Berlin which possesses artificial waves has set aside two hours once a week for members of the association shows that the movement is regarded as a normal one, practiced by people who are taken seriously. With the life of Berlin's most fashionable boulevard going on outside, here men and women bathe and swim together with nothing on but an occasional pair of pince-nez or a bathing cap. Owing to the presence of waiters it is considered more correct to wear a bath-wrap when taking refreshments afterwards at the café which fringes this swimming bath. Many members, though, refuse to pander to this prejudice.

New Housing Ideas.

The "Friends of Nature" are extreme in their views, but the value of light and sun baths has been recognised by everybody in Germany. When wealthy people build houses for themselves to-day they have, besides a flat roof, balconies contrived so that they may either sun themselves or sleep in perfect privacy, after the fashion of an open-air cure sanatorium. It is, of course, far more satisfactory to those with the welfare of the nation at heart to see, as often happens nowadays, a child's cot dragged out of doors and placed before a very poor and badly-ventilated, old-style cottage. These are rare, though, in Germany, and in general it is the baby's perambulator which is placed outside on a balcony while the infant is still young enough to sleep in it.

The practice is growing of letting older children run about in bathing suits as soon as the sun shines. Mothers who are unwilling to listen to doctors' views on light and air will, in all classes of the population it appears, listen eagerly when it becomes a question of saving the trouble of washing clothes. Old picnics by the water's edge in the surroundings of Berlin grown-ups wear bathing costumes all day, even for walks in the woods, without causing the slightest comment. (Continued on next column.)

THE RHEUMATIC CHILD.

WOMAN DOCTOR URGES USE OF WHOLE CORNFLOUR.

Lack of Vitamin B in the ordinary diet of children was described by Dr. Margaret Emslie, late senior assistant medical officer for maternity and child welfare at Croydon, Surrey, in an address to the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Plymouth as one of the principal causes of rheumatism in children.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise	Sunset
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To-morrow	6.51 "	6.53 "
Saturday	6.50 "	6.53 "

During the heat wave men and women of the suburbs worked in their allotments in bathing suits. Young gymnasts of both sexes practice in them constantly in the playing fields.

The movement goes hand-in-hand with an enthusiasm for sports. It owes, of course, everything to the young republic and its broadmindedness. There is a strong Catholic reaction against it, as tending to divert the thoughts of the young, brought up in such ideas, from religious ideals—the same principle that has been noticeable in Holland in Calvinist circles during the present Olympic Games. But it seems obvious that the Church, if it is not to lose its hold on the young, will have to make concessions. —London Observer.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, August 15th.

	Previous Day	On Day	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 8 a.m.	at 5 p.m.
Barometer...	29.49	29.53	29.55
Temperature...	81	79	88
Humidity...	86	87	69
Wind...			
Direction...	SSW	W	West
Force...	4	3	3
Weather...	OPQ	OQ	B
Rain...	1.45	0.00	0.62

Highest open-air Temperature, 14th: 85

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TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	30th Aug.	—	—
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<i>Bintang</i> , Danish str., 1,725 tons, Capt. R. V. Belster, from Bangkok and Hoihow, with wood and rice, lying at buoy No. C39—Lee Bing Kee.	<i>Daikhu Maru</i> , Japanese str., 1,902 tons, Capt. T. Torii, from Kwangtung, with a cargo of limestone, lying at Kowloon Bay—M.B.K.	The Steamship "BENLEDE"
<i>Golden Hind</i> , American str., 4,507 tons, Capt. M. C. Shigley, from Manila, which port she left on August 11th, with hemp, sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25—Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.	<i>Harre Maru</i> , Japanese str., 3,430 tons, Capt. K. Taniguchi, from New York and Keelung. The latter port she left on August 12th, with a cargo of cotton, lying at buoy No. A22—O.S.K.	CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.
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<i>Hupph</i> , British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. J. Mailey, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C46—B. & S.	<i>Kishu Maru</i> , Japanese str., 1,567 tons, Capt. C. Mikami, from Keelung, Amoy and Swatow, with 800 tons of coal and 105 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.	BRITISH INDIA S.S. CO., LTD. FROM KOBE & MOJI.
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<i>Tjondani</i> , Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. D. Pala, from Batavia, which port she left on August 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4—J.C.J.L.		Goods not cleared by 20th Aug., 1928, will be subject to Rent.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th August, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 3rd September, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. 13th August, 1928. 16696

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent. Hong Kong, 14th Aug., 1928. 16600

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS

To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG" ... "KWAISANG" ... "HANGSANG" ... "FOOSHING"	Sun., 19th Aug., at Noon Wed., 22nd Aug., at Noon Sat., 26th Aug., at Noon Wed., 29th Aug., at Noon
OSAKA via AMOY, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Fri., 24th Aug., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 14th Sept., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG" ... "OHISHING"	Thurs., 16th Aug., at 8 p.m. Sat., 18th Aug., at 9 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Satur., 25th Aug., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEIPSHING"	Tues., 31st Aug., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" ... "HINSANG"	Tues., 31st Aug., at 3 p.m. Wed., 29th Aug., at 3 p.m.

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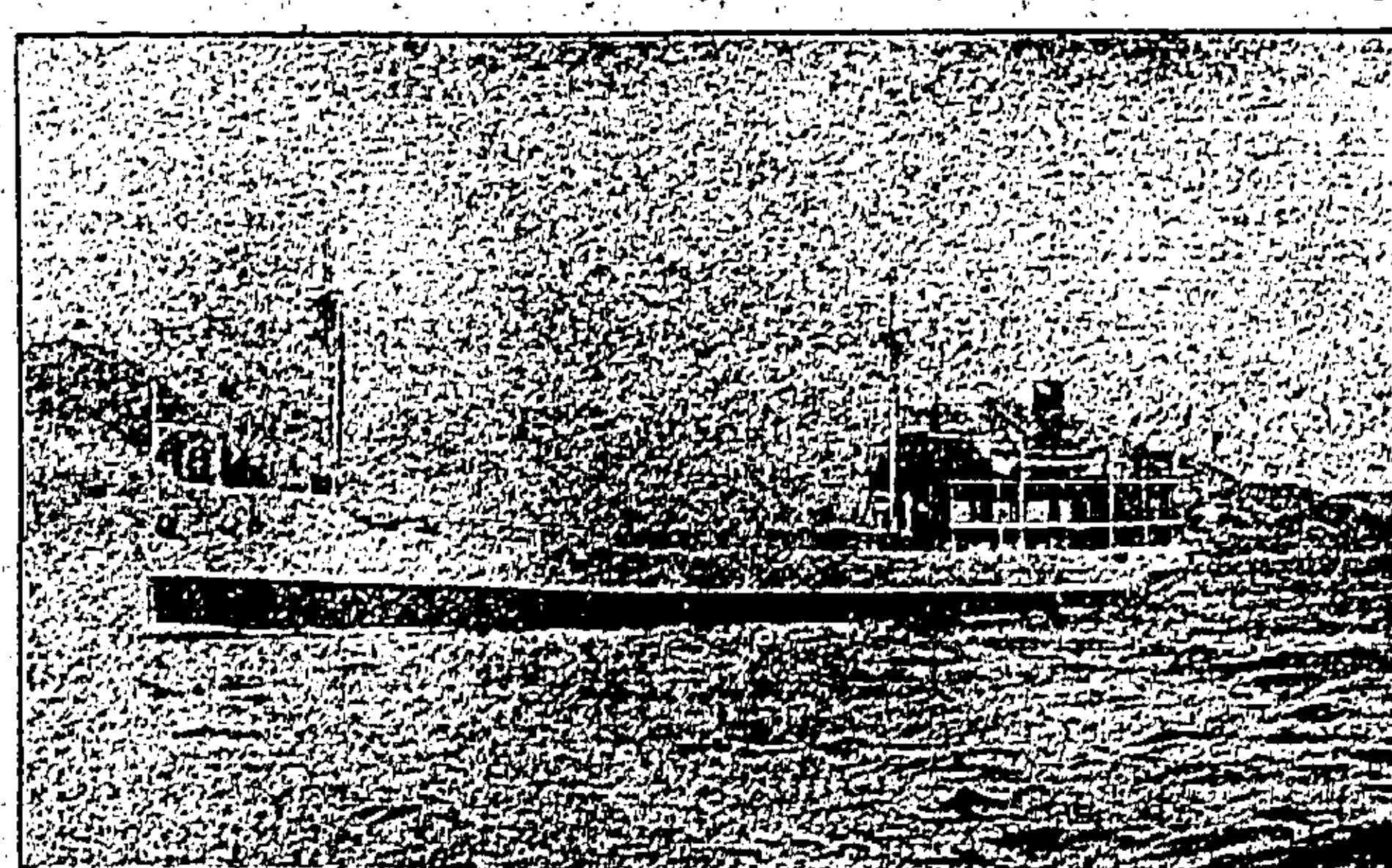
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DUE
Australia & Manila Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 19th July, & parcels, 15th July)	Tango Maru Naldora	15th Aug. 16th Aug.
Shanghai & Amoy U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Tsingshan Tientsin	17th Aug. 17th Aug.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Rajputana	17th Aug.
Shanghai & Amoy	Wardlaw	18th Aug.
Shanghai & Amoy	Wardlaw	18th Aug.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	20th Aug.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	20th Aug.
Japan & Shanghai	Kashima Maru	24th Aug.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE & TIME
Holbow, Pakhoi & Haiphong Amoy Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 27th August	Tango Maru Naldora Changsha	Thursday, 16th. 5.30 A.M. 9.30 A.M. Seg. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th Sept.	Ormer Hydrangea Hoi Hong Bolokan Sung Bo Naldora	10.00 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 2.30 P.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.
Japan Formosa Haiphong Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tango Maru Hoi Hong Naldora Hoi Hong	Friday, 17th. 8.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M. 12.30 P.M. 2.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th Sept.	Rajputana	Kowloon P.O. Seg. 4.30 P.M. Seg. 12th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M. G.P.O. Par. 17th, 5.00 P.M. Seg. 18th, 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Japan Manila	Anyo Maru Pres Jackson	Saturday, 18th. 10.00 A.M. 4.30 P.M.
Bangkok via Swatow Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kowloon P.O. Naldora	Sunday, 19th. 9.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 10th Sept.	Fushimi Maru Pres. Pierce	Monday, 20th. 10.30 A.M. Seg. 3.00 P.M. Seg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M. Par. 3.00 P.M. Seg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 14th Sept., & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Tuesday, 21st. Seg. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Straits, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Sept.	Philoteles	Kowloon P.O. Seg. 1.00 P.M. Letters 1.00 P.M. G.P.O. Seg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M. Moussang Emp. of Russia Sunning
Sandakas Manila Amoy	Moussang Emp. of Russia Sunning	Wednesday, 22nd. Seg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 3rd Sept.	Mishima Maru Kowloon	10.30 A.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1928. [26]

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Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2]

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Hong Kong, 20th July, 1927. [34]

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Hong Kong, 20th June, 1927. [35]

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